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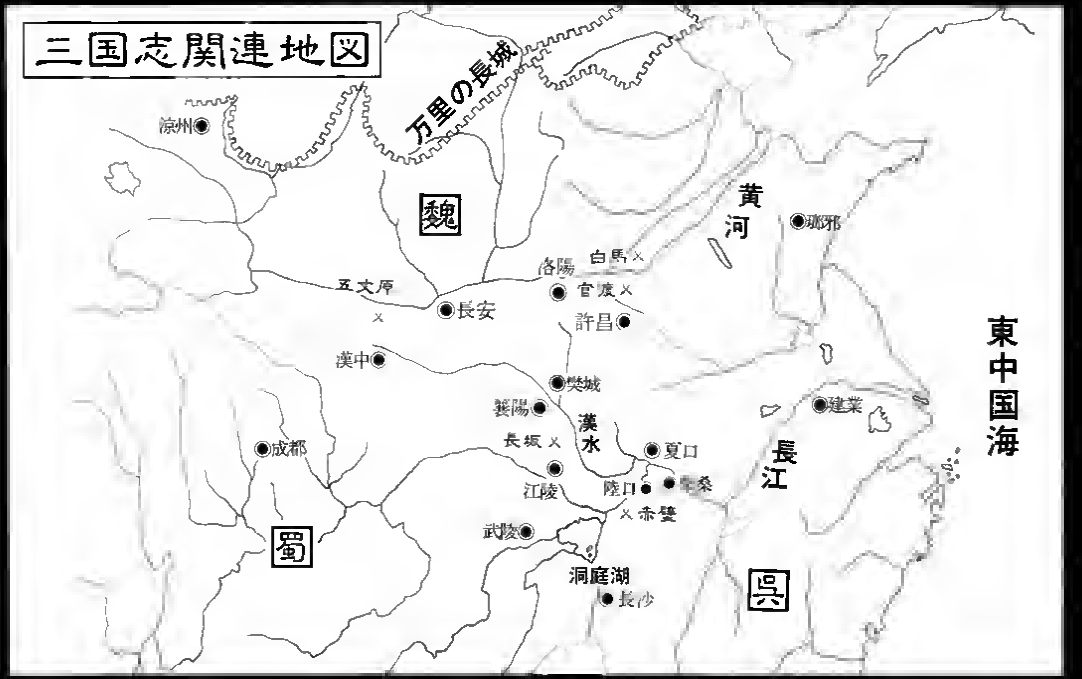
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I will
never forget
...

our time
together!

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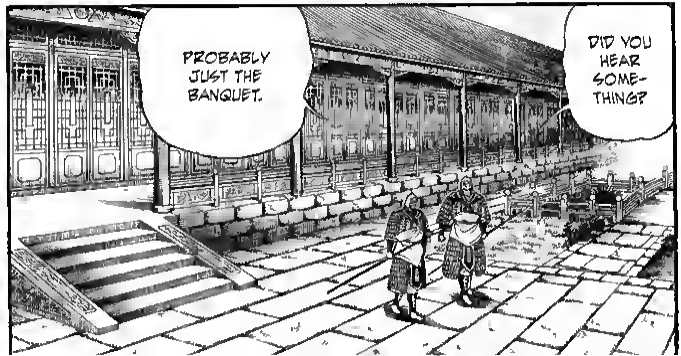
Chapter 79
A SORROWFUL DANCE

I THOUGHT I'D BE ABLE TO DINE WITH THE EMPEROR!
DAMN IT...
THE REST OF US HAVE TO EAT OUTSIDE.
THAT'S RIGHT!
TURNS OUT ONLY GENERAL QUAN YU AND STRATEGIST KONG MING WERE INVITED.
THESE DISHES ARE ALSO QUITE DELICIOUS.
BUT...
I HEARD THEY'RE SERVING NOTHING BUT DELICACIES AT THE BANQUET.
NOTHING BUT FOOD ON HER MIND..
BUT I WANT TO TRY THE SAME FOOD AS THE EMPEROR.
.....

I SPENT THE WHOLE DAY IN THE CITY BUT STILL COULDN'T FIND SHIRO.
ALSO...

MAYBE THAT BASTARD CHUNG TA IS STILL HERE...
THAT'S PROBABLY IT
I THOUGHT HE'D BE AT THE PALACE

ATCHOO!

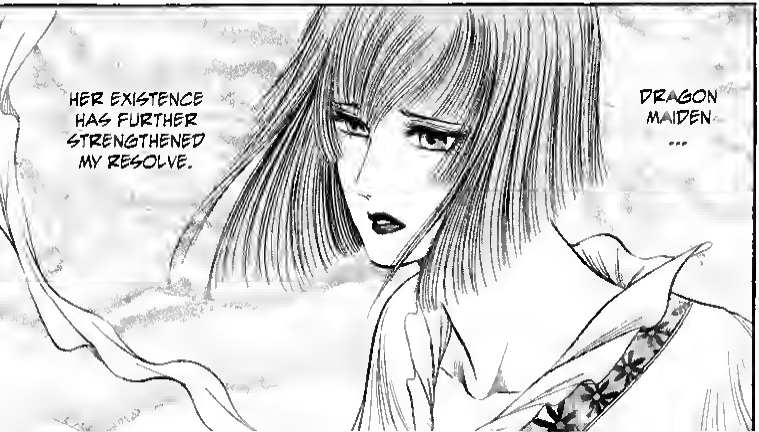

PROBABLY JUST THE BANQUET.
DID YOU HEAR SOME-THING?

THAT WAS CLOSE.
TO BE SNEEZING AT A TIME LIKE THIS.
FINALLY HAVE A CHANCE TO INFILTRATE THE ROYAL PALACE
IF I GET CAUGHT, MISS FENG AND MINISTER QI WILL BE INCRIMINATED.
I WAS QUITE LUCKY ...
I WAS ONLY ABLE TO GET INTO THE PALACE BECAUSE MINISTER QI HAD ASKED ME TO PROTECT MISS FENG.
HAVE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO SCOUT THE AREA FOR INFILTRATION LATER.

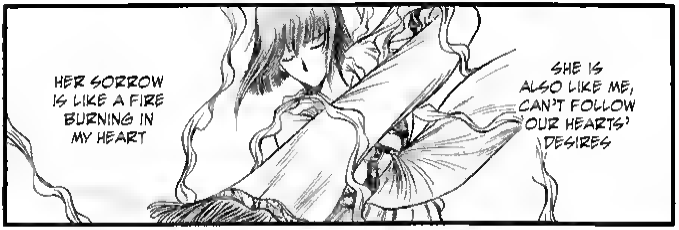
I CAN'T FEEL MASUMI'S KI FROM INSIDE THE PALACE
BUT THERE HAVE TO BE SOME NEWS OF HER.

I WILL DEFINITELY ...
FIND SOMETHING.

MASUMI ...
PLEASE WAIT FOR ME!


HER EXISTENCE HAS FURTHER STRENGTHENED MY RESOLVE.
DRAGON MAIDEN ...

BUT SHE IS WILLING TO SACRIFICE PERSONAL FEELINGS FOR THE SAKE OF THE NATION
HER LOVE FOR THE DRAGON'S SON IS MUCH DEEPER THAN MINE


HER SORROW IS LIKE A FIRE BURNING IN MY HEART
SHE IS ALSO LIKE ME, CAN'T FOLLOW OUR HEARTS' DESIRES

HAVE GIVEN ME THE STRENGTH TO FOLLOW MY OWN PATH!!
THE DRAGON MAIDEN'S FEELINGS ...

THAT IMAGE ...
WHA
!

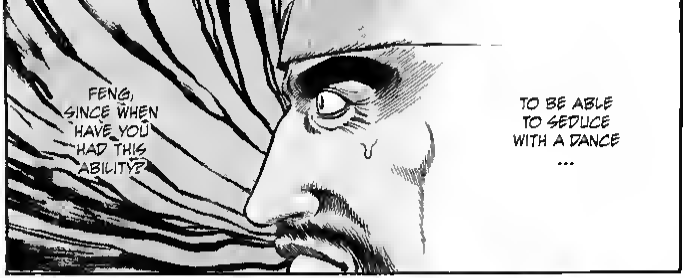
LOOKS AND FEELS SIMILAR TO HER
THIS GIRL ...

ジャン ジャン ジャン

ジャン ジャン

ARE SUCKED INTO THE RHYTHM OF HER DANCE ...
EVEN THE EXPERIENCED GENERALS

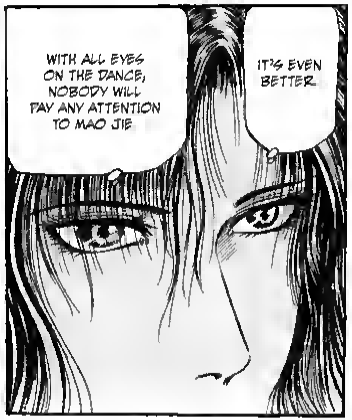
TO KEEP UP WITH FENG'S DANCE!
THE MUSICIANS HAVE TO TRY THEIR HARDEST


FENG, SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU HAD THIS ABILITY?
TO BE ABLE TO SEDUCE WITH A DANCE ...

I CAN'T BELIEVED I'D SEE SUCH A MESMERIZING DANCE ...
...

UG... UGH
UGH...

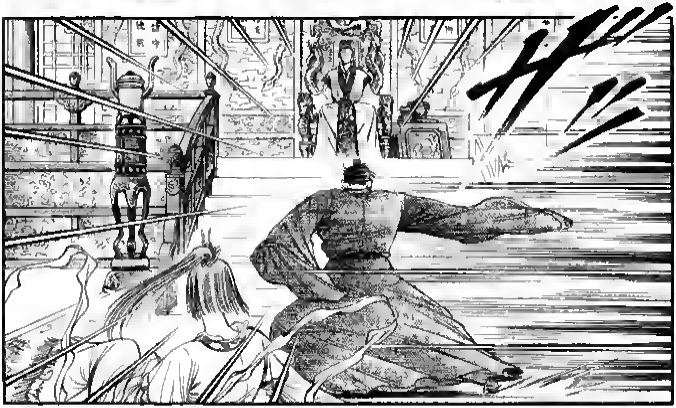
?...


WITH ALL EYES ON THE DANCE, NOBODY WILL PAY ANY ATTENTION TO MAO JIE
IT'S EVEN BETTER

LET THAT DANCE FREE YOUR BODY.
MAO JIE ...
USE YOUR HANDS TO SEVERE THE ROOT OF EVIL.
DON'T LET REASON GET IN THE WAY OF YOUR MISSION.
MAO JIE, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE THE PEOPLE.
AN UNJUST EMPEROR WILL LEAD THE NATION TO DESTRUCTION.
KILL!
KILL!
DON'T HESI-TATE!
KILL!

HURRY AND KILL THAT SON OF GOD!

AH!



MAO JIE?
!

WHAT?!
LORD MAO JIE!
!
!
WHAT IS HE DOING?!
WHAT IS THIS?!
ASSASSINATE THE EMPEROR?!
A KNIFE!? IS HE PLANNING TO ...

WHA---
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MAO JIE?!
WATCH OUT, YOUR HIGH-NESS!

!
IT'S THAT GIRL ...
!
FENG!
UGH ...
U...
THE MAIDEN IS AMAZING!
GREAT!

YES!
PLEASE PROTECT HIS HIGHNESS!
GUARD!
HOW DARE YOU ATTEMPT TREASON?!
LORD MAO JIE!
WHA...

AH!
UGH!
AAAH!
UGH!
AAH!

HUFF
HUFF
THE TWO GUARDS ...
WERE DEFEATED BY THAT WEAK OFFICIAL!
ABNORMAL STRENGTH ...
LORD MAO JIE DOESN'T HAVE THAT KIND OF STRENGTH!
UGH ...

THESE WEAKLINGS CAN'T STOP HIM
HE'S UNDER MY HYPNOSIS SO HE HAS GAINED INCREDIBLE STRENGTH
HA HA
THERE IS STILL ONE PERSON!
BUT OF COURSE
OH!
!

CHUNG TA!

!
ス…

CHUNG TA?!
AH!

PLEASE BE CAREFUL!
PRIME MINI-STER ...
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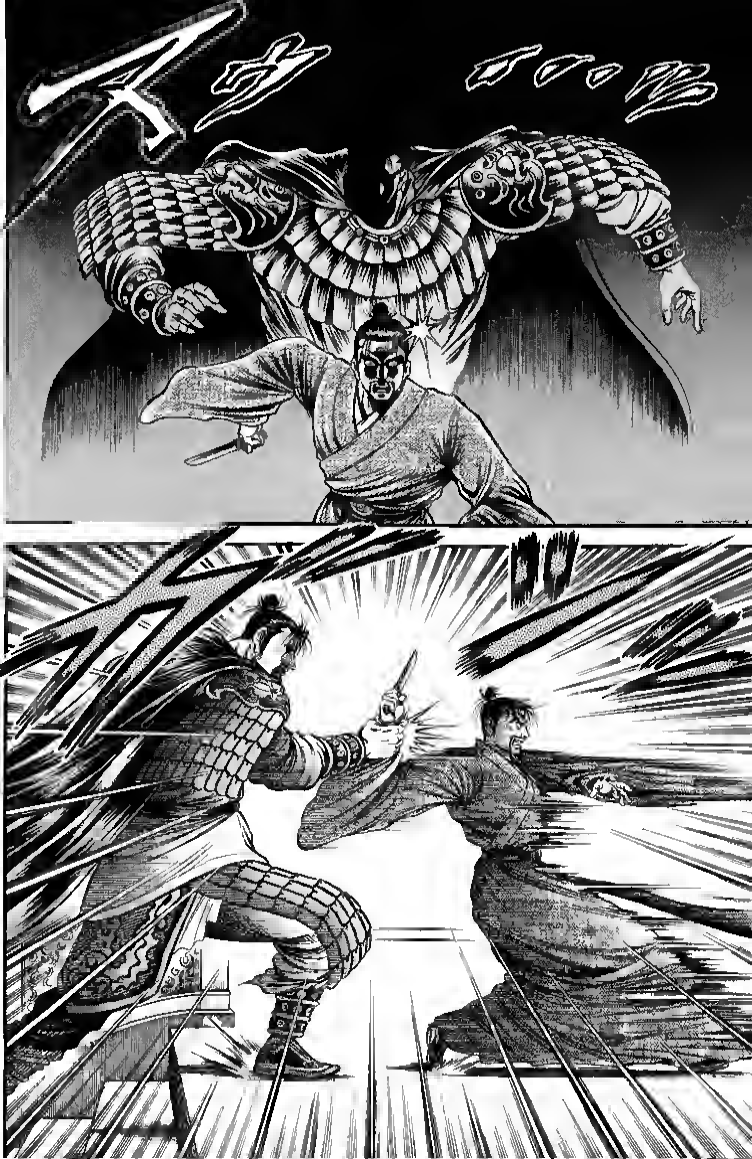
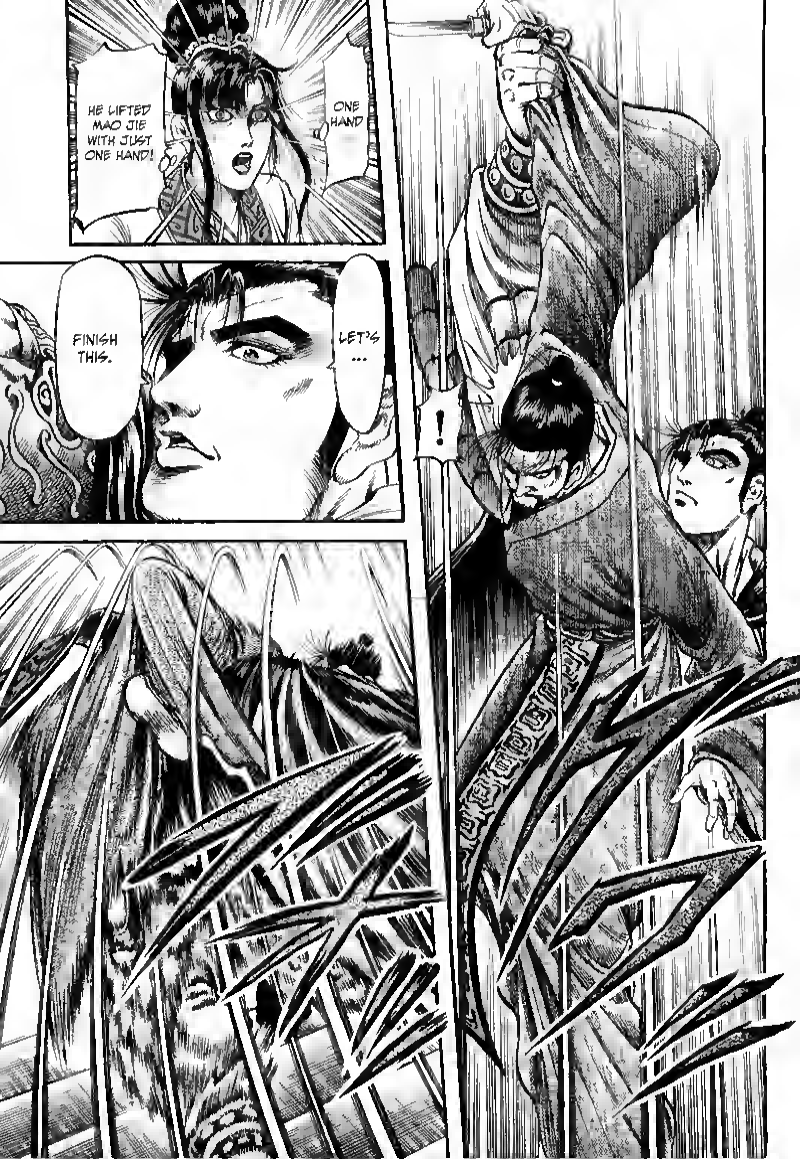
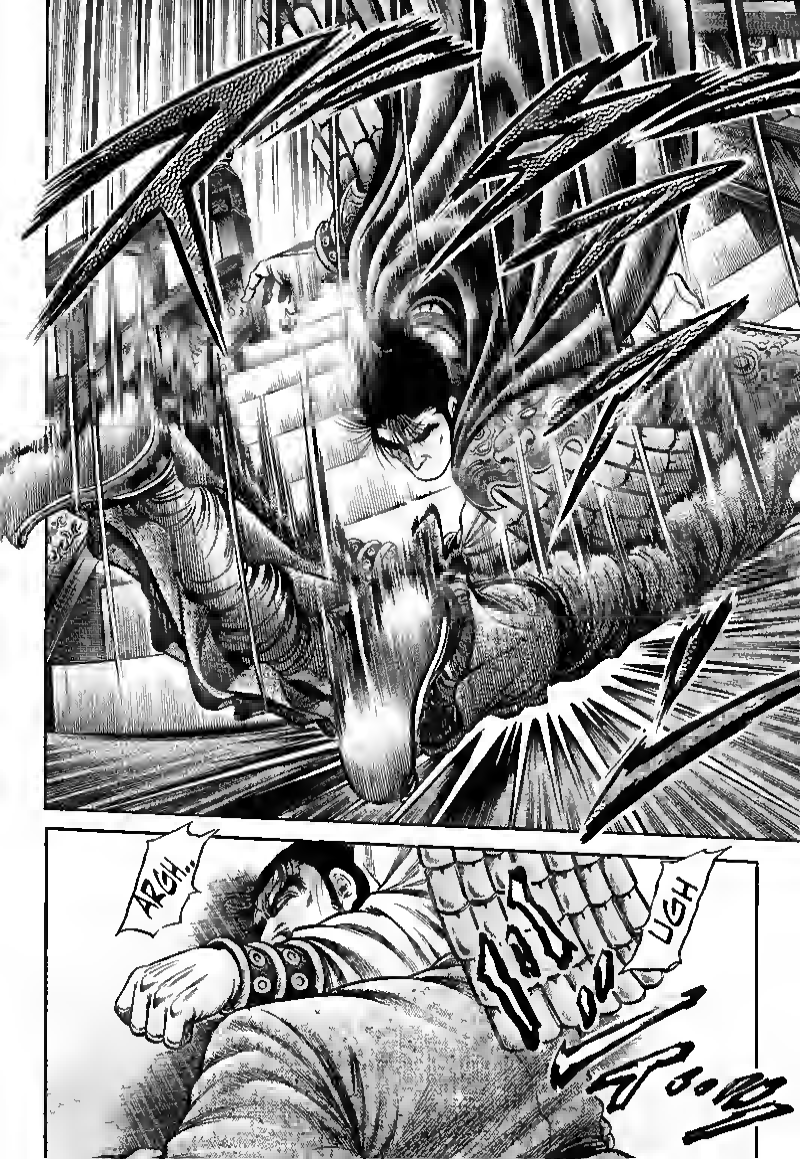
MAO JIE ...
THE HOUR OF YOUR DEATH HAS ARRIVED.
WHA ...
AAAAGH!



HE STOPPED THE ASSASSIN WITH JUST ONE HAND!!
HE DID IT!
!
UGH!
BUT THANKS TO YOU, I'M NO LONGER BORED.
HA HA
WHO IS THAT GUY?
HUH?!
ATTEMPTING TO ASSASSINATE THE HAN EMPEROR. WHAT DISORDER!
HM!

THE ONE WHO WAS TRYING TO CHALLENGE QUAN YU!
THAT'S MA CHAO!
UH!
OH?
PRETTY STRONG, EH?
BUT ...
IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO MY OWN STRENGTH.

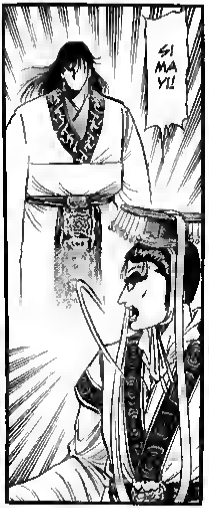

HE LIFTED MAO JIE WITH JUST ONE HAND!
ONE HAND
FINISH THIS.
LET'S ...
!


ARGH..
UGH

THIS YOUNGSTER IS NOT BAD
THIS GUY IS INCREDIBLE!
HE'S DONE IT!
EVEN THOUGH MAO JIE HAD THE STRENGTH THAT SURPASSES AN UNDEAD HUMAN. HOW COULD HE?
EASILY DEFEATED MAO JIE WITH JUST ONE HIT!?
HOW CAN IT BE?

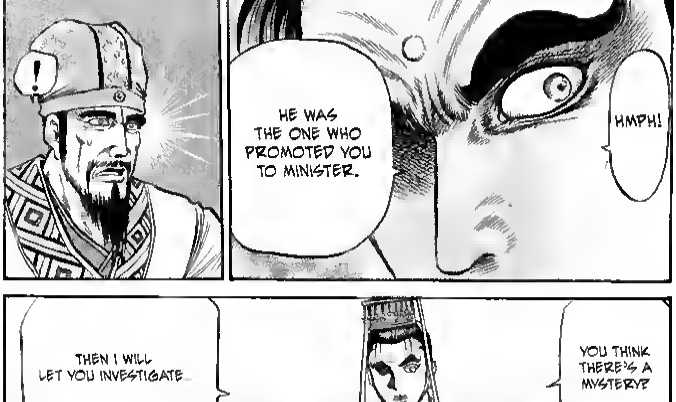
I DID IT FOR YOU, FATHER.
YES.
IN FRONT OF EVERY ONE...
DON'T ACT CONCEITED
CHAO, STEP BACK.
HMPH!
IF ANYTHING HAD HAPPENED TO THE EMPEROR THE GUARDS' COMMANDER WOULD HAVE BEEN IN TROUBLE.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO SHOW MY MEDIOCRE SKILL IN FRONT OF A MASTER.
PLEASE EXCUSE ME.
?
PRIME MINISTER

UH...
YOUR HIGH-NESS
MAO JIE...
AN OFFICIAL OF YOUR POSITION...
HOW DARE YOU ATTEMPT SUCH A GOD FORSAKEN ACT?!



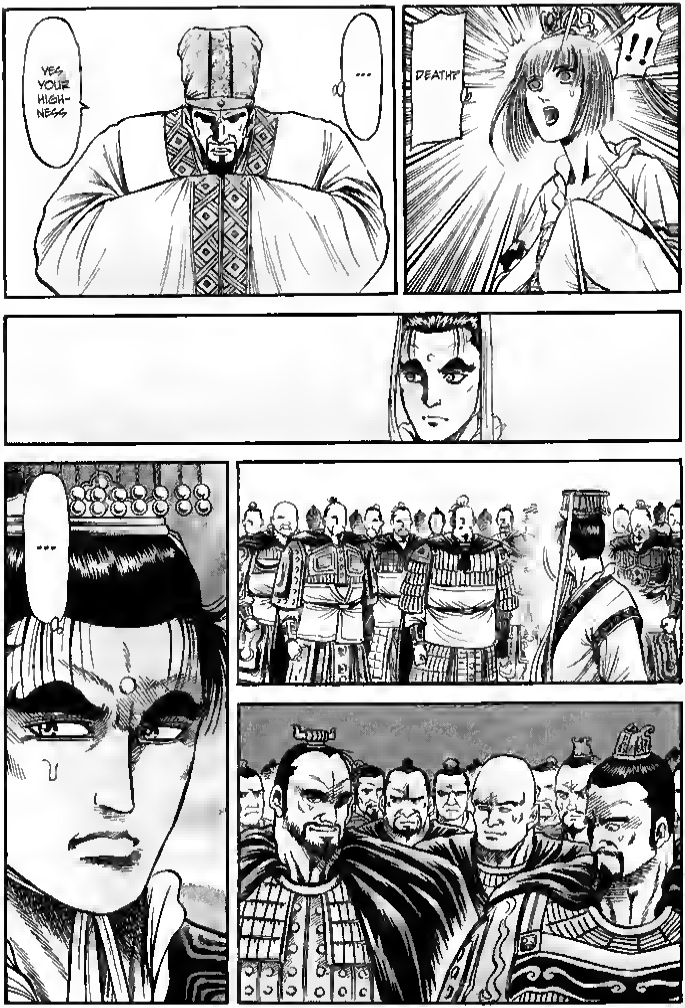
* SIMA YI... CHUNG TA'S NAME.

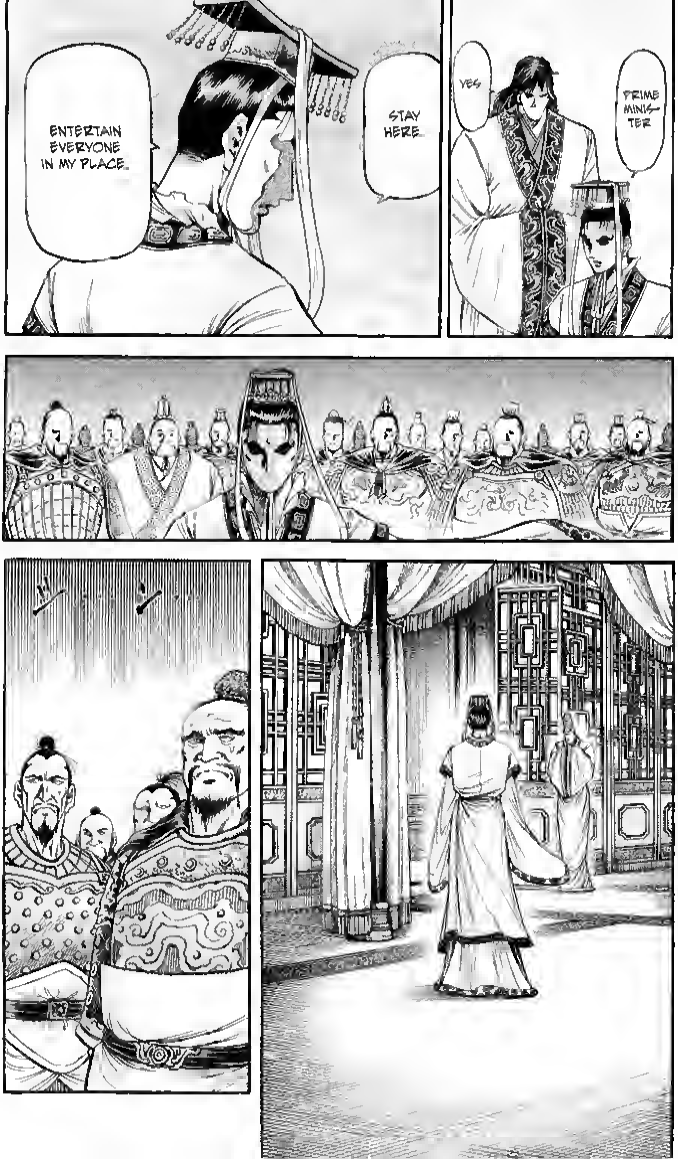
PLEASE HOLD ON, YOUR HIGHNESS!
PLEASE...
YES YOUR HIGHNESS.
I WOULDN'T DARE TO, YOUR HIGHNESS.
NO.
DO YOU WANT TO OPPOSE ME AS WELL?
WHAT IS IT, QI ZHOU?
...
A PILLAR OF STRENGTH IN THE ROYAL COURT. THERE IS NO REASON FOR HIM TO ATTEMPT THE ASSASSINATION.
BUT, LORD MAO JIE IS A LOYAL AND VIRTUOUS PERSON.
I BEG YOUR HIGHNESS TO HOLD OFF THE SENTENCING PLEASE LET ME INVESTIGATE THE MATTER FIRST
THERE MUST BE A MYSTERY BEHIND THIS

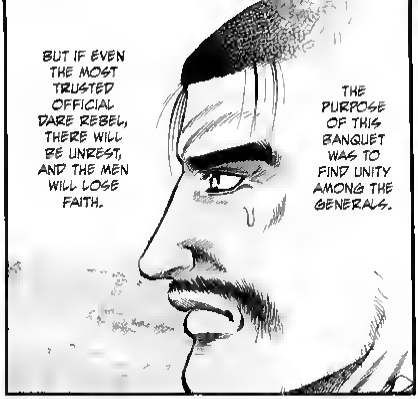

!
HE WAS THE ONE WHO PROMOTED YOU TO MINISTER.
HMPH!

THEN I WILL LET YOU INVESTIGATE.
YOU THINK THERE'S A MYSTERY?

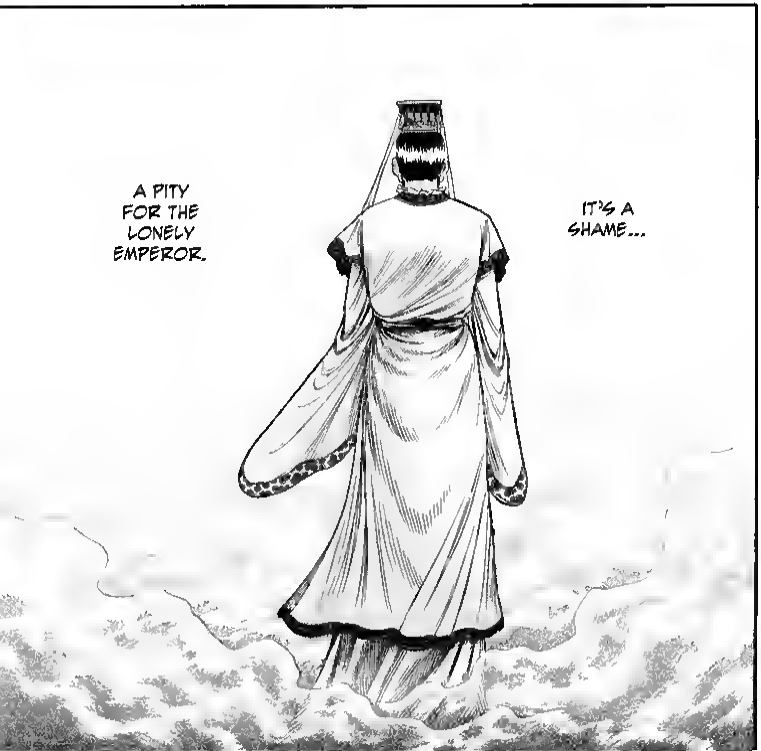
I WILL CONSIDER YOU HIS ACCOMPLICE AND IT WILL BE YOUR HEAD!
BUT IF YOU CAN'T FIND A GOOD EXPLANATION FOR THIS ...


YES, YOUR HIGHNESS
...
DEATH!
!!
...


ENTERTAIN EVERYONE IN MY PLACE.
STAY HERE.
YES.
PRIME MINISTER


BUT IF EVEN THE MOST TRUSTED OFFICIAL DARE REBEL, THERE WILL BE UNREST, AND THE MEN WILL LOSE FAITH.
THE PURPOSE OF THIS BANQUET WAS TO FIND UNITY AMONG THE GENERALS.

YOUR HIGHNESS


A PITY FOR THE LONELY EMPEROR.
IT'S A SHAME...

THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE I.C. TO MAO WAS INTENT ON FINDING THE TRUTH.
EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE, I WON'T GIVE UP
FA-THER...
OH...
I'M FINE.
IDIOT!
YOU BROUGHT IT UPON YOURSELF.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THINGS TURNED OUT LIKE THIS.
MINISTER QI.
HM.
MUST BE CHUNG TA!
THE PERSON BEHIND ALL THIS ...

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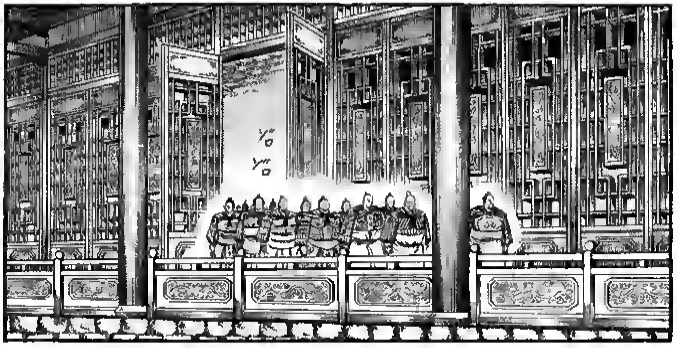
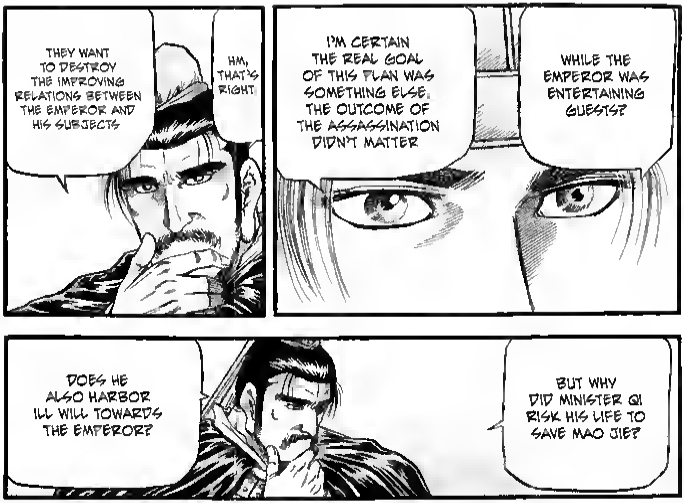
Chapter 80
AFTER THE BANQUET

THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT HAD CAST A DARK SHADOW OVER THE HAN DYNASTY
EVEN THOUGH IT HAD FAILED



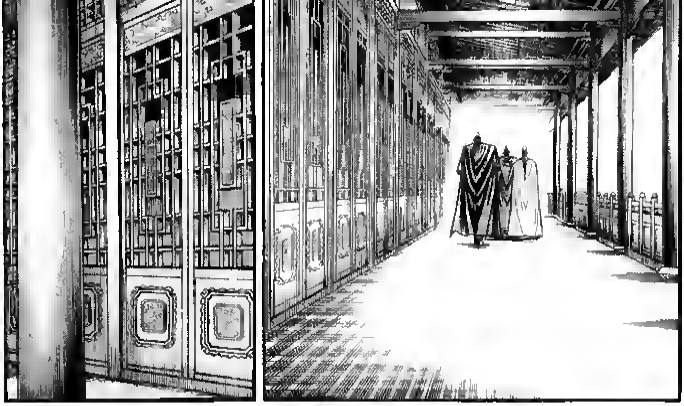
IT SEEMS THE EMPEROR'S FUTURE IS UNCERTAIN.
EVEN MAO JIE, A LOYAL OFFICIAL DARED TO COMMIT TREASON
LOST THAT MUCH REPUTATION?
HAS THE EMPE-ROR
PERHAPS CAO CAO'S TIME TO ASCEND THE THRONE HAS COME.
INTERNAL PROBLEMS WILL LEAD TO CHAOS
MANY OF THE PREVIOUS GENERALS WERE LOYAL SERVANTS OF CAO CAO
IT'S NOT SUR-PRISING
THEIR UNEASE CAN BE READ ON THEIR FACES.
LOYAL TO THE HAN OR RUN TO CAO CAO?

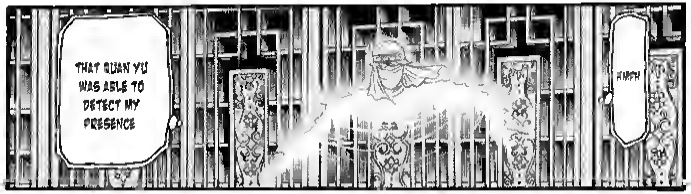
PROBABLY WASN'T TO TAKE THE EMPEROR'S LIFE...
BUT THE REAL OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSAS-SINATION
IT'S SIMPLE ...
DOUBTS TOWARDS THE EMPEROR STILL LINGER WITHIN THE PEOPLE'S HEARTS
!
HE HAD PLENTY OF CHANCES TO KILL THE EMPEROR... WHY NOW?
A MAN OF HIS POSITION MAO JIE COULD'VE EASILY GOTTEN CLOSE TO THE EMPEROR
THAT'S WHY I HAVE MY SUSPI-CIONS
HE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE ACTING!
BUT MAO JIE ...


THEY WANT TO DESTROY THE IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EMPEROR AND HIS SUBJECTS
HM, THAT'S RIGHT.
I'M CERTAIN THE REAL GOAL OF THIS PLAN WAS SOMETHING ELSE. THE OUTCOME OF THE ASSASSINATION DIDN'T MATTER
WHILE THE EMPEROR WAS ENTERTAINING GUESTS?
DOES HE ALSO HARBOR ILL WILL TOWARDS THE EMPEROR?
BUT WHY DID MINISTER QI RISK HIS LIFE TO SAVE MAO JIE?

* SIKONG: THE TITLE OF THE MINISTER OF WORKS. REFERRING TO MAO JIE.

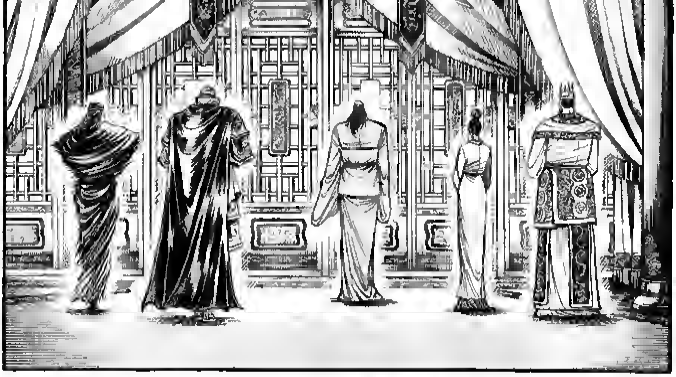
WHAT?
SOMEONE'S EAVESDROPPING.
THESE THINGS CAN'T BE DISCUSSED WITHOUT PROOFS.
SIR KONG MING
THAT'S MY MISTAKE.
OH..

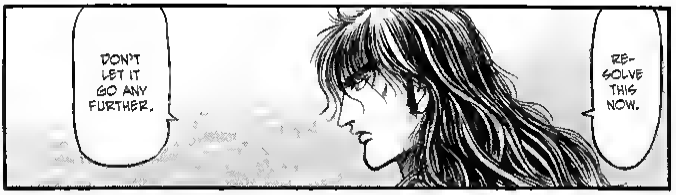



THAT GUAN YU WAS ABLE TO DETECT MY PRESENCE
HMPH

HE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT OUR LORD'S TRUE INTENTION.
BUT NO MATTER HOW SMART HE IS ...

DIDN'T THINK ANYBODY WOULD FIND OUT ABOUT MAO JIE BEING UNDER HYPNOSIS.
KONG MING IS QUITE SHARP.

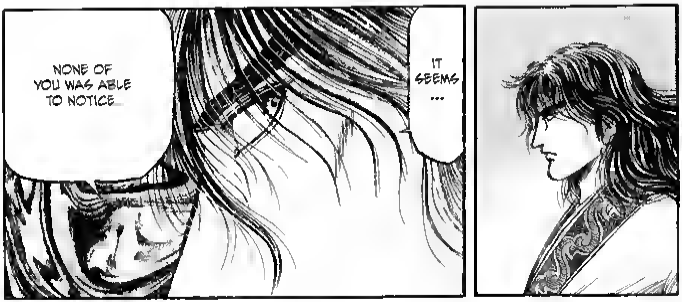



DON'T LET IT GO ANY FURTHER.
RE-SOLVE THIS NOW.

GOOD

BUT PLEASE DON'T WORRY. MAO JIE WON'T REMEMBER BEING HYPNOTIZED SO QI ZHOU WON'T FIND OUT ANYTHING.
YES, MY LORD I DIDN'T THINK THAT GUY, MA CHAO, WOULD RUIN THE PLAN.

I'M ALREADY TAKING CARE OF IT
AND REGARDING THE INCENSE BAG



* TRANSLATION FAIL AND I DON'T REMEMBER IF THE NAME OF THE TECHNIQUE HAS BEEN MENTIONED BEFORE

I CAN STILL FEEL YOUR DIVINE ENERGY LINGERING IN THE AIR
DRAGON'S SON ..
THOUGH HE USED HIS HIDDEN BODY TECHNIQUE
YOU ARE THE FIVE TIGER GENERALS, AND YET NONE OF YOU WAS ABLE TO DETECT HIS PRESENCE WITHIN THE PALACE.

THE DRAGON'S SON GOT IN?
WHAT?!

IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
EVERYTHING IS PART OF MY PLAN.

I DIDN'T SENSE ANYTHING ...
I...

WHEN DID HE GET TO XUCHANG?
SO...

THERE'S NO OTHER REASON.
YES.
HE'S LOOKING FOR THE DRAGON MAIDEN.
PER-HAPS ...
THAT HIS EVERY MOVE HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY MY LORD.
BUT HE WOULD NEVER SUSPECT ...
HOW WILL THE DRAGON'S SON REACT THIS TIME?
THE TIME HAS ARRIVED.
...!

ガッガッ

CAN WE GO ANY FASTER?
ハッ
SIR DRAGON'S SON!

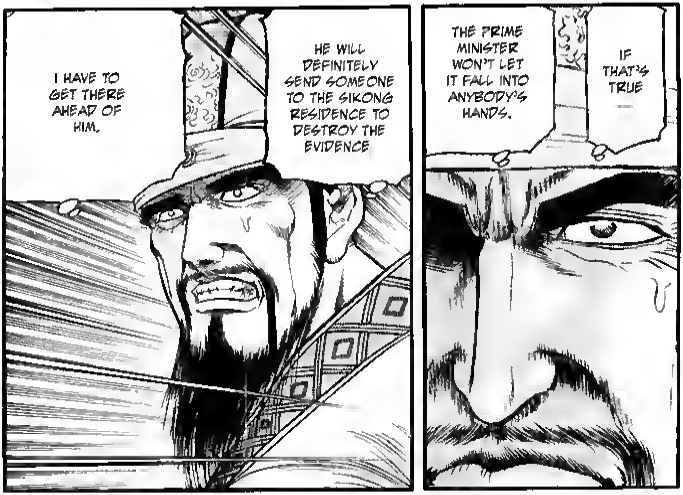
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO GET THERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
YES.

PLEASE HOLD ON TIGHT.
ハイッ
OK.

THERE MUST BE SOME EVIDENCES LINKING THE RECENT DEATHS OF THE GOV'T OFFICIALS AT THE SIKONG RESIDENCE?
SO....

WHEN LORD MAO SHOWED ME THE INCENSE BAG.
THAT DAY —

IF THAT INCENSE BAG REALLY LEAD THEM TO THEIR DEATHS, THEN MAYBE LORD MAO'S ACTIONS WERE ALSO CAUSED BY IT.
HE WAS SURE THAT IT WAS THE CAUSE OF ALL THE SUICIDES.


I HAVE TO GET THERE AHEAD OF HIM.
HE WILL DEFINITELY SEND SOMEONE TO THE GIKONG RESIDENCE TO DESTROY THE EVIDENCE
THE PRIME MINISTER WON'T LET IT FALL INTO ANYBODY'S HANDS.
IF THAT'S TRUE —

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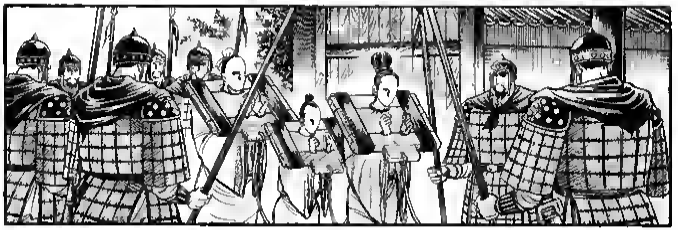

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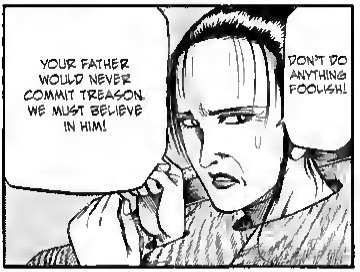
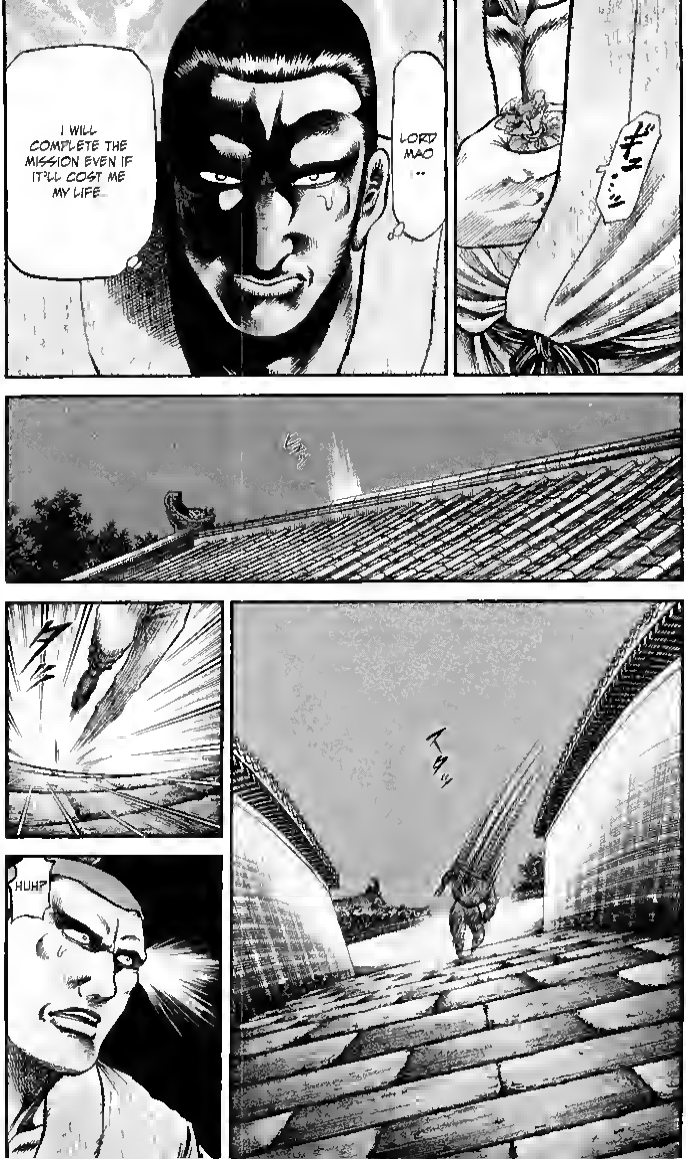

DON'T DO ANYTHING FOOLISH!
YOUR FATHER WOULD NEVER COMMIT TREASON. WE MUST BELIEVE IN HIM!

I WILL NEVER BELIEVE THAT LORD MAO WOULD TRY TO ASSASSINATE THE EMPEROR
I GOT HERE AS QUICKLY AS I COULD, BUT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO LATE
MIS-TRESS
THAT INCENSE BAG HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.
MAYBE
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I KNOW WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER IS PLANNING
YOU'VE UNCOVERED THE SOURCE OF THIS INCENSE BAG!
LORD MAO

YES, MY LORD
WITHOUT YOU FOLLOWING THOSE EUNUCHS, WE WOULD NEVER HAVE FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS.
THANK YOU.
SOONER OR LATER HE WILL RETALIATE. EVEN MY LIFE MIGHT BE AT RISK
BUT THE MASTER-MIND IS THE PRIME MINISTER.
FOR NOW, STAY HIDDEN AND DON'T DO ANYTHING.
AFTER THE GRAND BANQUET YOU MAY CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S MANSE.
TO MINISTER QI AND TELL HIM EVERYTHING!
IF THAT HAPPENS YOU MUST BRING THE EVIDENCE
MY LORD


I WILL COMPLETE THE MISSION EVEN IF IT'LL COST ME MY LIFE...
LORD MAO...
HUHP

UGH!

WHO ARE YOU?!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
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WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
WHAT ...
U...
UGH
NOT BAD. YOU STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN UP.
HA HA

!
ARE YOU THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEN?
YOU ...
MAO JIE'S DOG.
BUT YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE
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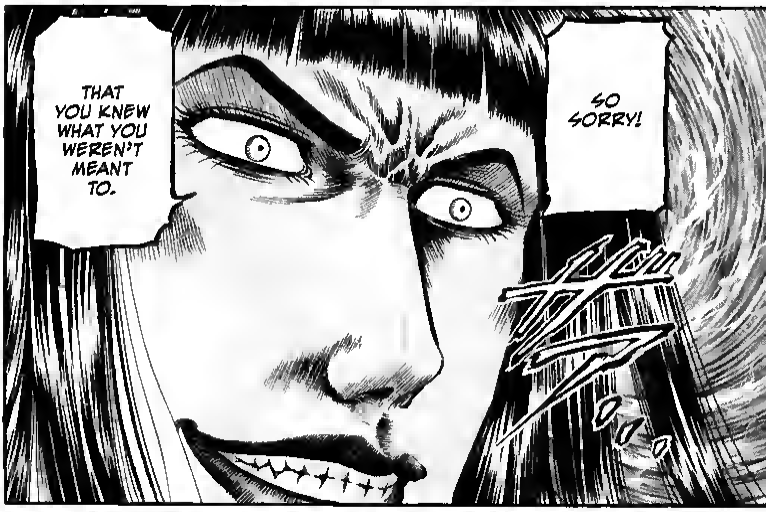
AND NOW YOU WILL DIE HERE.
BUT IT WAS PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT ONCE HE WAS CAUGHT, YOU WOULD APPEAR
THAT OLD MAN MAO JIE DIDN'T GIVE UP YOUR HIDING SPOT.
YOU'RE PRETTY SMART.

THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHERE THE INCENSE BAG IS.
THAT MAO JIE SAID
UGH


THAT YOU KNEW WHAT YOU WEREN'T MEANT TO.
SO SORRY!

OH!
HMPH

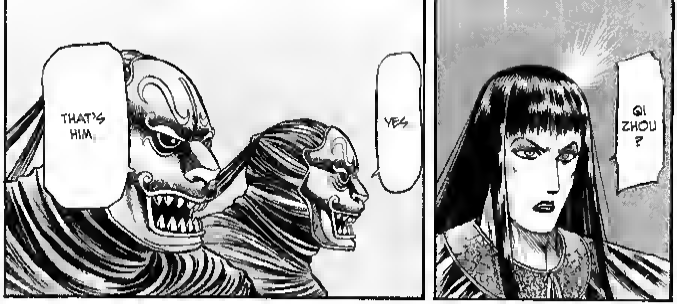
HUH!

A CARRIAGE!
AT THIS HOUR...

THAT'S ...
MINISTER GI!

WHY DID WE STOP?
THERE ARE PEOPLE AHEAD

OH!


THAT'S HIM.
YES.
QI ZHOU?

HE PICKED THE PERFECT TIME TO APPEAR.
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VERY WELL.

I WILL FINISH YOU ALL TOGETHER.
CONSIDER YOURSELF UNLUCKY
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LEAVE HERE AT ONCE!
PLEASE DON'T COME CLOSER!
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OH NO!

HE KNOWS ME?
WHY DO WE HAVE TO RUN AWAY?
THOSE THREE AHEAD OF US ARE FULL OF KILLING INTENT.
MINISTER, PLEASE STAY RIGHT HERE.
HUH?
LOOKS LIKE WE RAN INTO TROUBLE.
BUT DON'T WORRY.
LET ME TAKE CARE OF IT
SIR DRAGON'S SON

!

I WILL DEAL WITH THEM.
PLEASE STEP ASIDE AND TAKE A BREAK.

RUN AWAY QUICKLY BOY!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?

THEN YOU WILL BE FINE
IF YOU CAN STILL SHOUT

YOU WANT TO FIGHT US?
THIS BRAT ...
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
WH..

DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHO WE ARE?
DON'T OVER-ESTIMATE YOUR OWN STRENGTH

ARE YOU GUYS...
THE ONES WHO ARE OVER-ESTIMATING THEMSELVES ...

YOU WANT TO KILL US, HUH?
HMM.

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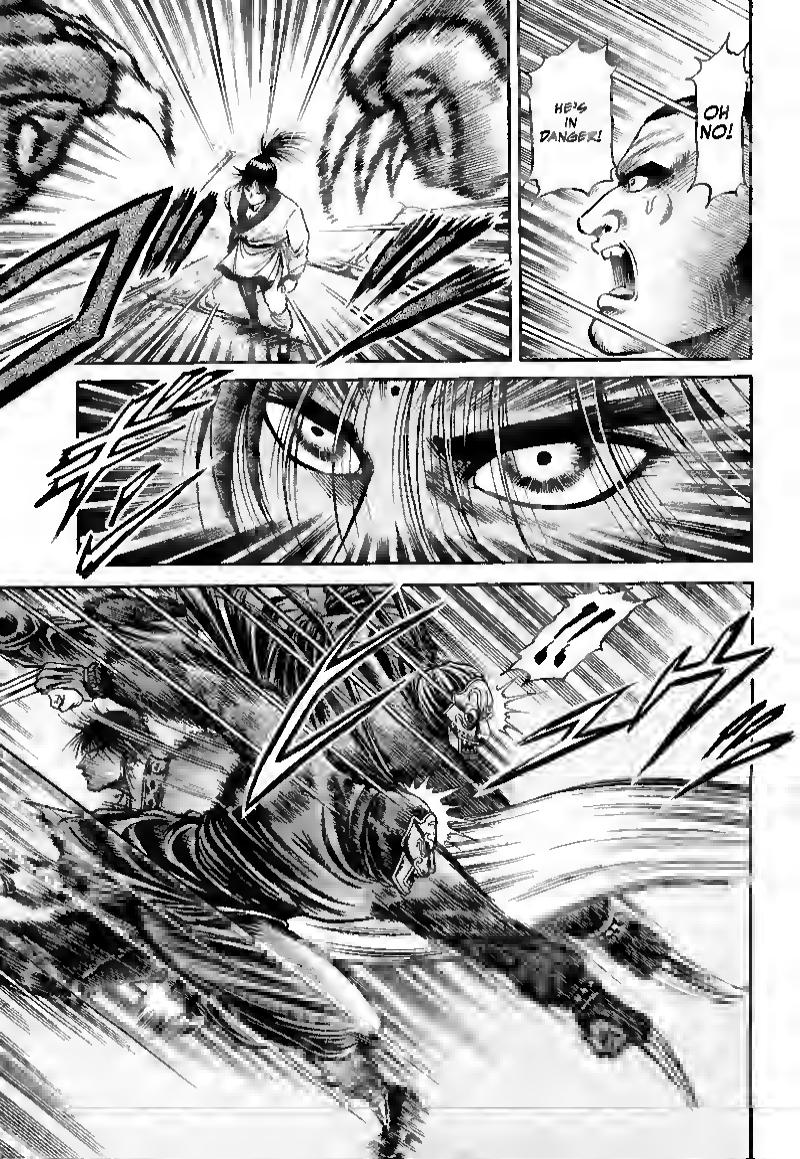
THAT I DIDN'T WARN YOU!
THEN DON'T SAY ...


OH NO!
HE'S IN DANGER!

AH!
UGH
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HOW CAN HE ...
JUMP HIGHER THAN ME?!

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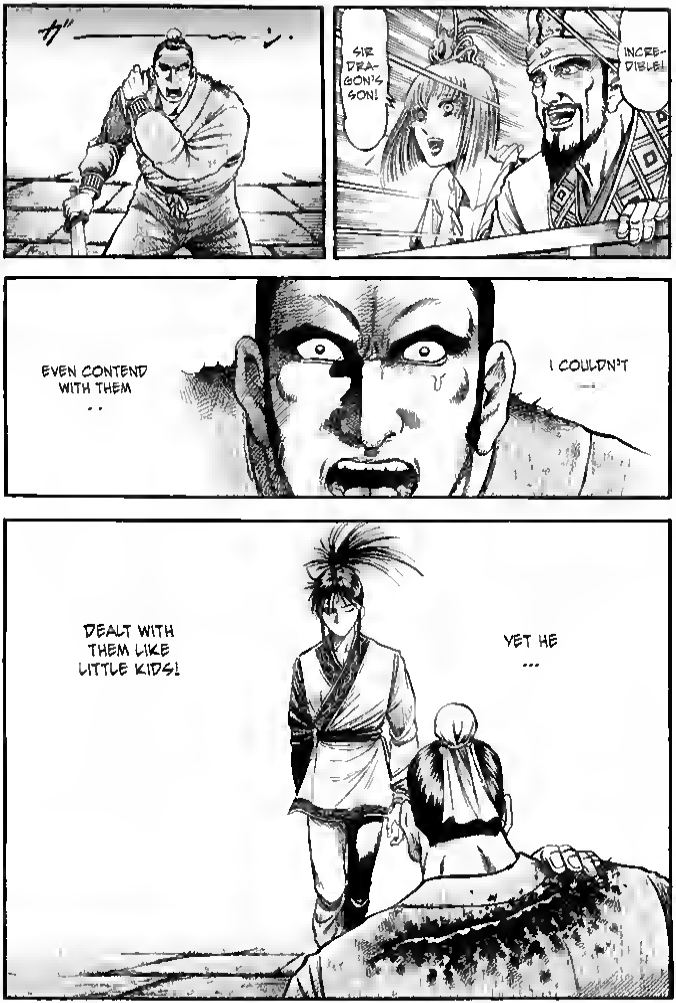
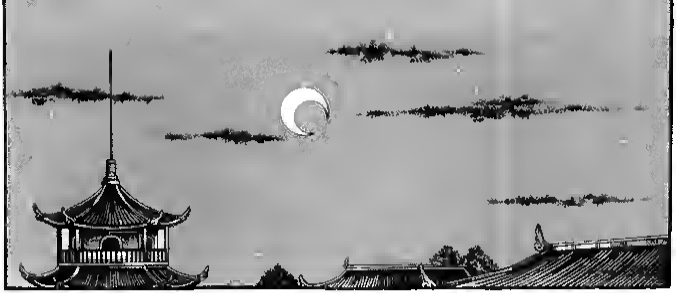
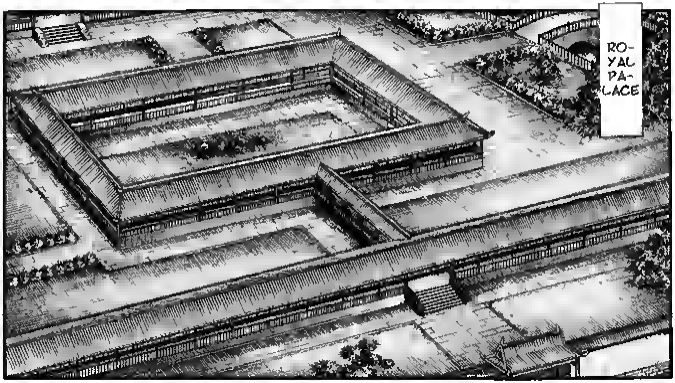

SIR DRAGON'S SON!
INCREDIBLE!
EVEN CONTEND WITH THEM ..
I COULDN'T
DEALT WITH THEM LIKE LITTLE KIDS!
YET HE ...

IS THIS TEENAGER HUMAN? OR A GOD?

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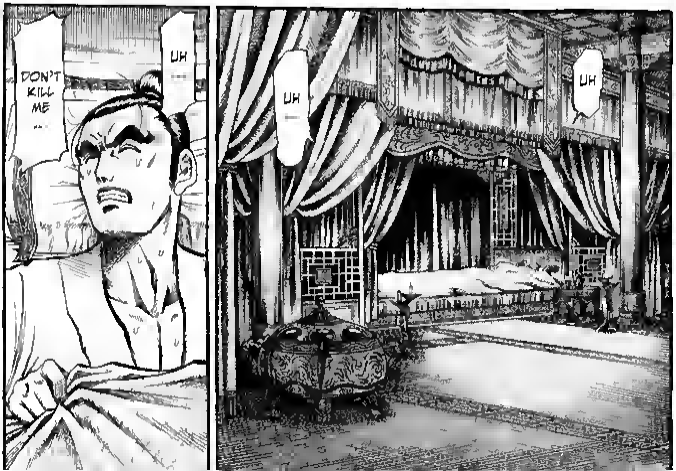
UH...
DON'T KILL ME...
UH...
UH...

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DIE!
DIE!

YOUR HIGH-NESS

AAAAH

IT WAS JUST A DREAM
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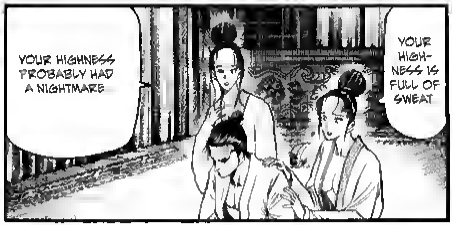
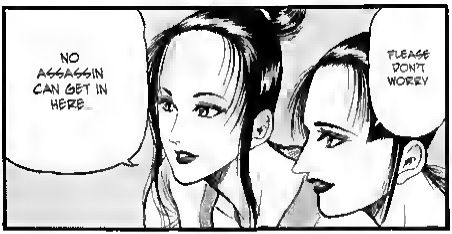

YOUR HIGHNESS PROBABLY HAD A NIGHTMARE
YOUR HIGH-NESS IS FULL OF SWEAT


NO ASSASSIN CAN GET IN HERE
PLEASE DON'T WORRY

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?!
YOU IDIOTS ...
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AH!
WHO ASKED YOU?! GET OUT!

WE'RE DEEPLY SORRY ...
Y... YES ...

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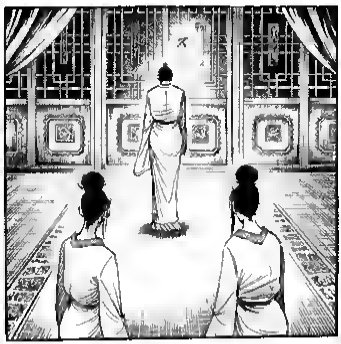

MY MISERY
WHO CAN REALLY UNDERSTAND
HMPH
MY LIFE IS ALWAYS IN DANGER, SO I'VE GROWN WEAK AND COWARDICE. HOW PITIFUL!
ALWAYS USED AS A PUPPET
WHEN CAN I BECOME MY OWN PERSON AGAIN? ABLE TO DECIDE MY OWH PATH?
I CAN ONLY LIVE WITH EMPTY HONOUR, WHILE BEING CONTROLLED BY OTHERS

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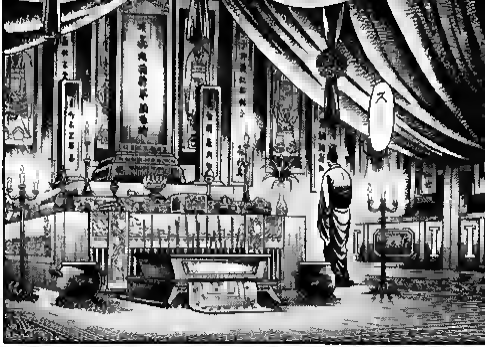
DO NOT LET ANYBODY COME NEAR THIS PLACE
YOU TWO…

YES YOUR HIGH-NESS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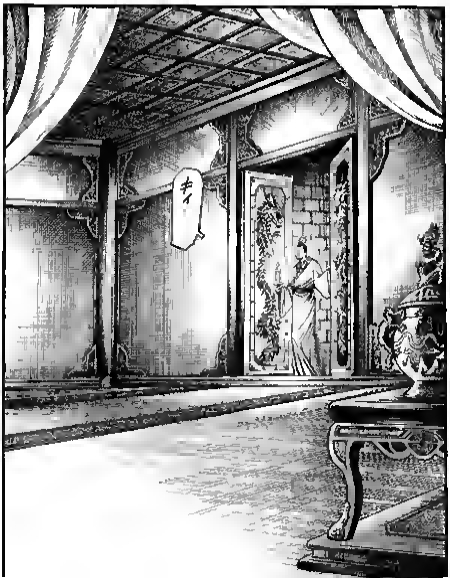
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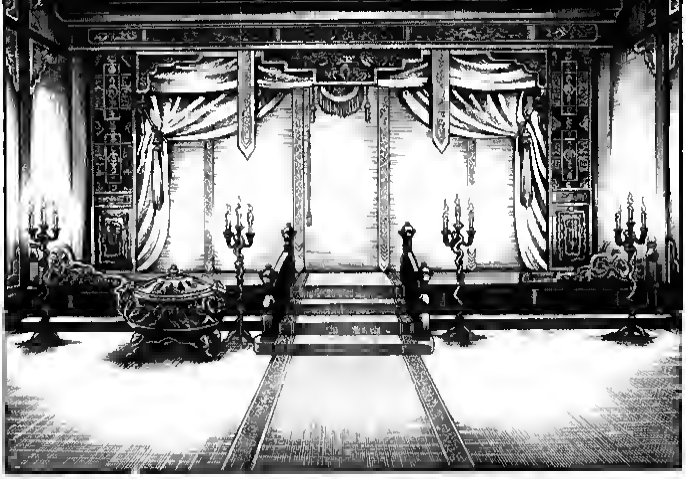
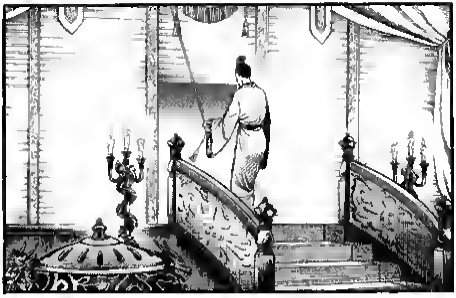




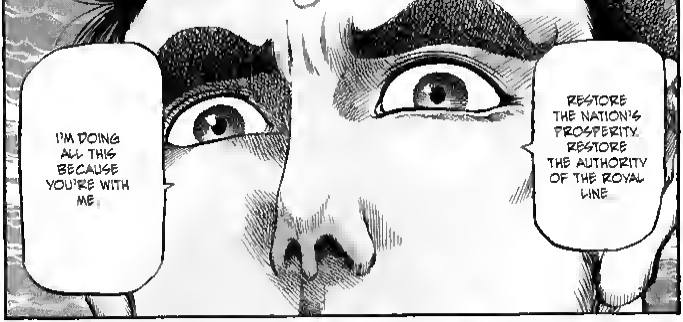
OH...

I FEEL AT EASE JUST LOOKING AT YOU.
I HAVE MISSED YOU ...

MY DRAGON MAIDEN

YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL.
TO ME YOU'RE THE MOST SACRED AND DIVINE.

I FEEL MUCH CONSOLED EVERYTIME I LAY EYES ON YOU.
YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW BUT ...
* YEAH... DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME EITHER. POETRY, HUH
THEY ALL DISAPPEAR WHEN I SEE YOU. YOU'RE THE MORNING MIST IN THE LIGHT OF A SUNRISE.
THE FEAR OF DEATH, THE BURDEN OF RESTORING THE NATION ON MY SHOULDERS ...
BECAUSE OF YOU, I CAN BECOME A BETTER PERSON.
DRAGON MAIDEN ...
DESPAIR TURNS INTO HOPE
MY WEAKNESSES NO LONGER EXIST.


I'M DOING ALL THIS BECAUSE YOU'RE WITH ME.
RESTORE THE NATION'S PROSPERITY. RESTORE THE AUTHORITY OF THE ROYAL LINE.

PLEASE STAY WITH ME. FOREVER.
I CAN'T EVER LOSE YOU.

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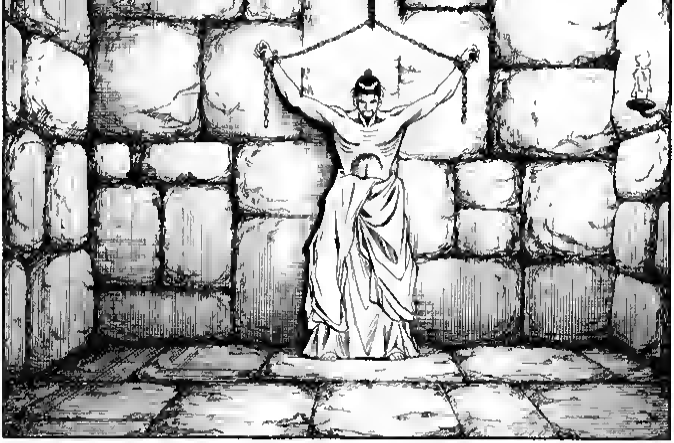
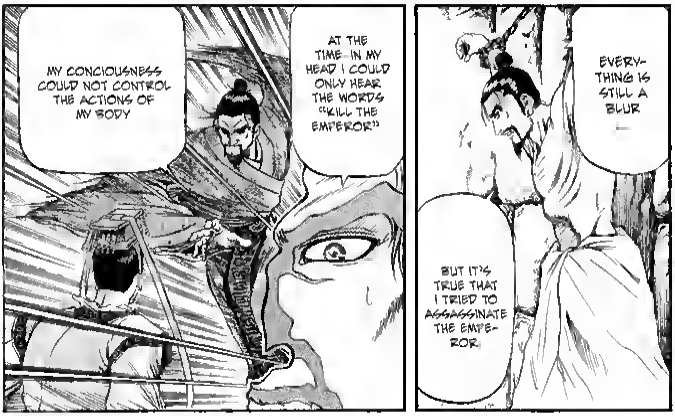
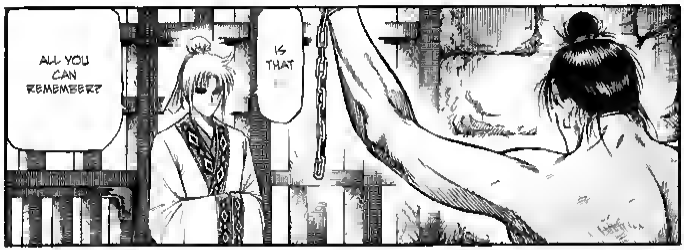


I CAN REMEMBER.
YES.

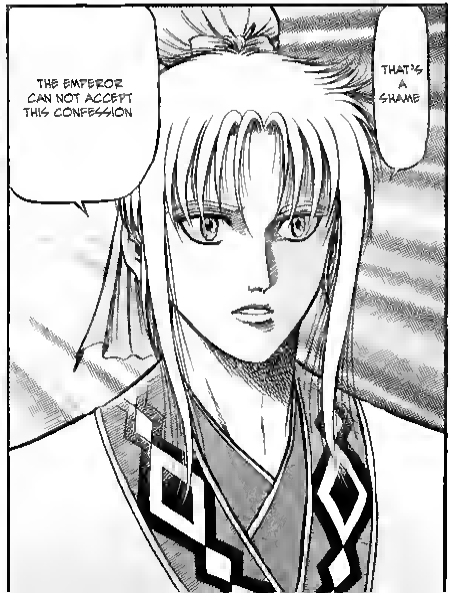

MY CONCIOUSNESS COULD NOT CONTROL THE ACTIONS OF MY BODY
AT THE TIME, IN MY HEAD I COULD ONLY HEAR THE WORDS "KILL THE EMPEROR"
EVERY-THING IS STILL A BLUR
BUT IT'S TRUE THAT I TRIED TO ASSASSINATE THE EMPE-ROR.

I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAD HAPPENED, AND WHERE THOSE STRANGE THOUGHTS HAD COME FROM.
I HAVE SWORN AN OATH TO SERVE THE HAN DYNASTY TILL DEATH. HOW COULD I HAVE DONE SUCH AN ACT?


ALL YOU CAN REMEMBER?
IS THAT

THIS

UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY


THE EMPEROR CAN NOT ACCEPT THIS CONFESSION
THAT'S A SHAME

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IS NOT SUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO CHARGE HIM AS AN ACCOMPLICE TO THE ASSASSINATION.
BUT THE FACT THAT I NOMINATED GI ZHOU TO BE A MINISTER
OH!
THIS MATTER
LET ME ANSWER
* TAIFU GRAND TUTOR
WE KNOW ABOUT YOUR INJUSTICE.
MY GRANDSON AND I
YOU ARE…
SHAO TAIFU!!

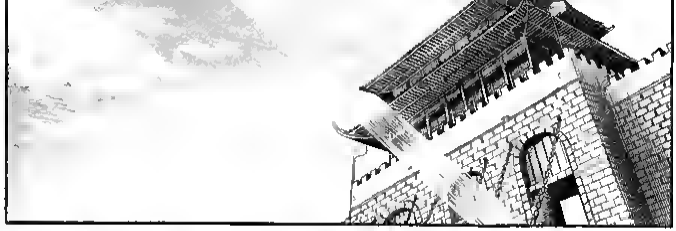
!!
ABOUT THE INCENSE BAG.
WE EVEN KNOW

WE WERE PLANNING TO LET YOU IN ON IT AFTER WE HAD FOUND SOME SOLID EVIDENCES, BUT IT SEEMS WE WERE TOO LATE
WE'VE ALSO BEEN SECRETLY INVESTIGATING THE PRIME MINISTER

BUT WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP!
WE KNOW HOW TO STOP CHUNG TA!

THEN THE HAN DYNASTY IS ALL BUT LOST.
IF WE LOSE QI ZHOU AS WELL

THEN YOU'RE SAY-ING



WHAT WAS THE POINT OF COMING?
WE JUST GOT HERE
THERE'S NO POINT STAYING IN XU CHANG!
HEAD BACK!

THEY'RE ALL LEAVING

IT'S NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO FIX THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE IMPERIAL COURT AND THE VASSAL STATES.
WHAT A SAD SIGHT.
ALL THE GENERALS KNOW THAT SO THEY'RE RUNNING BACK TO PREPARE THEIR FORCES
INTERNAL CRISIS WILL LEAD TO CHAOS

ONE CAN'T RULE THE ENTIRE NATION WITHOUT THEIR HELP
THAT'S NOT TRUE

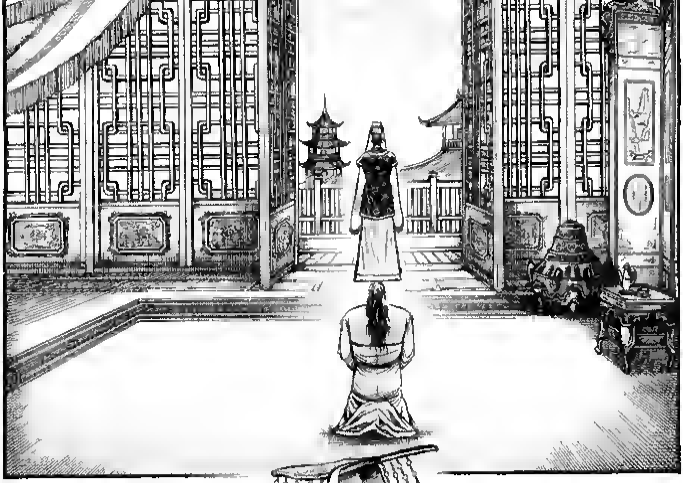
WE DON'T NEED THOSE COWARDS!
GOOD RIDDANCE.

BUT IT'S NOT EASY FOR THE EMPEROR TO WIN THEIR SUPPORT.
YES

FIRST, ONE MUST DEFEAT CHUNG TA.
TO WIN OVER THE VASSALS,

CHUNG TA WILL SOON MAKE A MOVE, RIGHT STRATEGIST KONG MING?
PER-HAPS ...

YES MY LORD

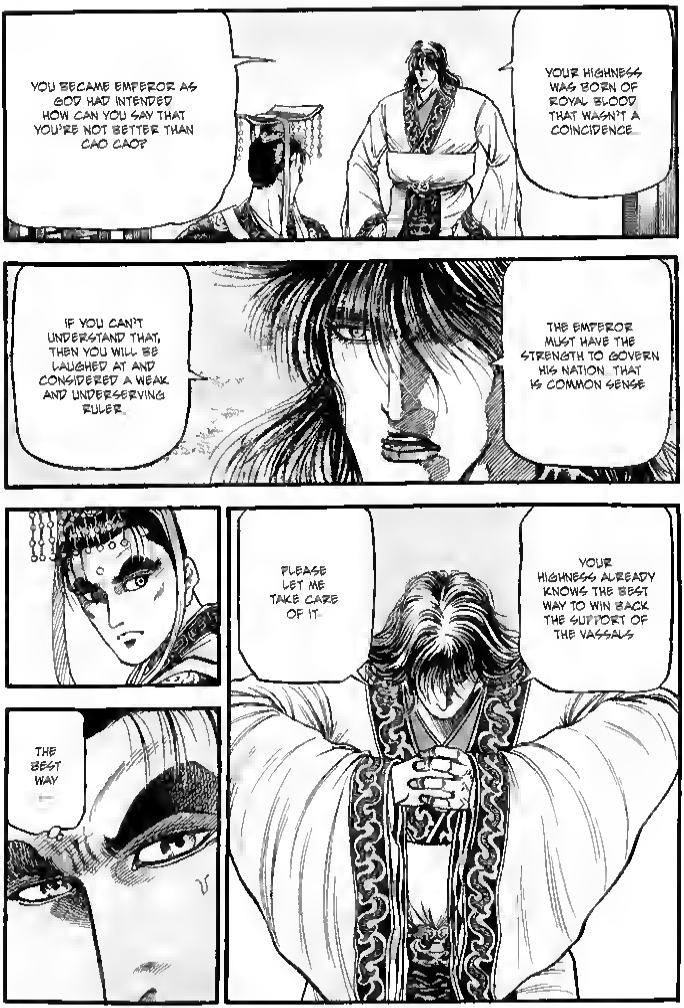


THEY'VE ALL LEFT THE XU CHANG?
IS THAT SO?

GOD DAMN THEM

YES, YOUR HIGH-NESS.

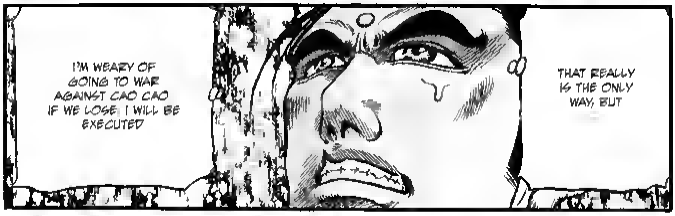
WITHOUT ANY REAL POWER.
HE WILL MAKE FUN OF ME FOR BEING A PUPPET EMPEROR
HE'LL PROBABLY HAVE A GOOD LAUGH.
WHEN CAO CAO FINDS OUT
I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY
THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING
BEING BORN IS GOD'S WILL.
AND EACH IS GIVEN A DIFFERENT TASK BY GOD.
IS UNFAIR
LIFE


YOUR HIGHNESS WAS BORN OF ROYAL BLOOD THAT WASN'T A COINCIDENCE...
YOU BECAME EMPEROR AS GOD HAD INTENDED HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT YOU'RE NOT BETTER THAN CAO CAO?
THE EMPEROR MUST HAVE THE STRENGTH TO GOVERN HIS NATION. THAT IS COMMON SENSE
IF YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT, THEN YOU WILL BE LAUGHED AT AND CONSIDERED A WEAK AND UNDESERVING RULER.
YOUR HIGHNESS ALREADY KNOWS THE BEST WAY TO WIN BACK THE SUPPORT OF THE VASSALS
PLEASE LET ME TAKE CARE OF IT.
THE BEST WAY...

CAO
CAO

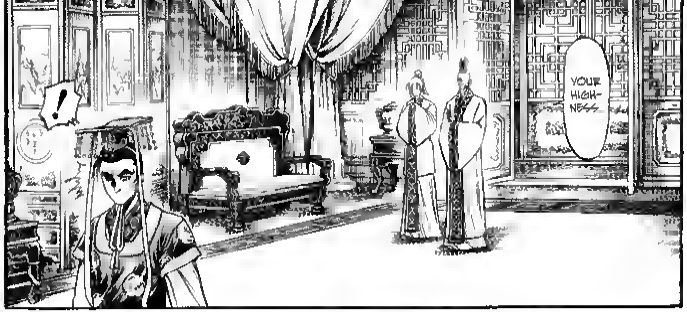
YOU MAY LEAVE
I WILL THINK ABOUT IT
I UNDERSTAND
ゴク！
YES YOUR HIGHNESS
I KNOW
THE BEST WAY THAT YOU MENTIONED
IT'S ALSO BECAUSE THEIR FEAR OF CAO CAO WILL ALWAYS EXIST
I ALSO KNOW THAT THE VASSALS DIDN'T LOSE FAITH IN ME JUST BECAUSE OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

THAT BEST WAY CHUNG TA MENTIONED IS TO KILL CAO CAO AND SHOW THEM MY DOMINATION
THEY CAN'T BE COMPLETELY LOYAL TO ME IF THEY STILL FEAR CAO CAO


I'M WEARY OF GOING TO WAR AGAINST CAO CAO IF WE LOSE, I WILL BE EXECUTED
THAT REALLY IS THE ONLY WAY, BUT

CAN CHUNG TA REALLY DEFEAT CAO CAO?
CAN WE WIN THIS CONFRON-TATION?

I'M SWEATING JUST THINKING ABOUT IT
CAO CAO'S FORCES MIGHT HAVE BEEN WEAKENED BUT THEY STILL HAVE THE EDGE.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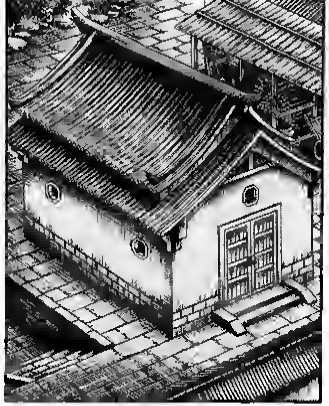
YOUR HIGHNESS

I HAVE SOMETHING TO REPORT.

THERE'S BEEN SOME NEW DEVELOPMENT.
IT'S ABOUT MAO JIE.

SHAO TAIFU
WHAT IS IT?

YOUR HIGHNESS



QI RESIDENCE

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THAT BASTARD!
HIS SKILLS AREN'T BELOW THE FIVE TIGER GENERALS
I WONDER WHERE THAT QI ZHOU FOUND HIM
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MADE ME LOOK BAD
YOU GUYS
HM.
LORD RED TIGER!
OH!
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT?
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO IT
I HAD SOMEONE FOLLOW YOU.
USE-LESS
COULDN'T EVEN KILL MAO JIE'S SERVANT

—
HOW WERE YOU GOING TO ANSWER TO ME?
YOU DIDN'T JUST FAIL TO CAPTURE HIM, BUT YOU ALSO MANAGED TO GET CAUGHT.
WE WOULDN'T DARE!
NO!
NOT THAT IT'S RELATED TO THE DEATHS OF THE OFFICIALS.
THEY ONLY KNOW THAT THERE'S AN INCENSE BAG.
YOU DIDN'T TELL THEM ANYTHING, DID YOU?
THE SECRET OF THE INCENSE BAG

ONE MORE THING
OH
GOOD
!
YOU ALSO DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE DRAGON MAIDEN
DID YOU?
WHO ARE YOU?!
THE RED TIGER GENERAL WOULD NEVER ASK ME THAT!
WHY WOULD I SAY ANYTHING?
NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT THAT BESIDES THE FIVE TIGER GENERALS
!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT?

LOOKS LIKE I'VE BEEN MADE
OOPS
I STILL HAD SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK
THAT'S TOO BAD
HE KNOWS THE ART OF DECEPTION TOO!
WHAT?
YOU'RE THAT BEAT!
YOU...

!!
HOW DARE YOU DECEIVE ME?!
HMPH!

I CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE YOU COMMIT SUICIDE.
SORRY, BUT I HAD TO DO THAT

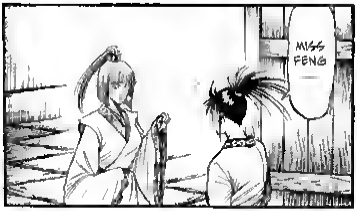
I CAN'T MOVE
WHAT'S GOING ON?

YOU ...

WHO IS HE
HE KNOWS THIS TECHNIQUE AS WELL

!

HE WILL BE EXECUTED TOMORROW!
LORD MAO JIE!


MISS FENG

IT'S HAPPEN-ING!
IT'S...

I'M STILL QUESTIONING THEM
WHAT IS IT?

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THAT'S TOO SOON!
LORD MAO JIE!
LORD GI..

WHY DIDN'T YOU WAIT FOR ME TO DO MY JOB?
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT THAT TYPE OF PERSON.
HOW COULD YOU EASILY ACCEPT THE SENTENCE?
THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL ON-GOING
LORD QI!
IT'S TOO LATE. DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME.
!
EVEN IF I WERE HYPNOTIZED, I STILL WOULDN'T ESCAPE THE DEATH PENALTY
BUT THE TRUTH IS...
HONESTLY I NEVER LOST HOPE.
THANK YOU.

I WANT TO BE EXECUTED QUICKLY.
IT'S FOR THE GOOD OF THE HAN NATION. FOR THE EMPEROR.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

THE TAIFU?!
WHAT?

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PLEASE COME CLOSER.
THIS CAN'T BE OVER-HEARD.

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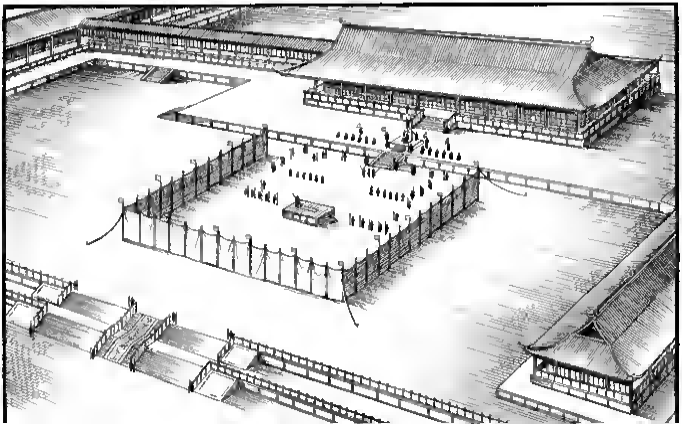
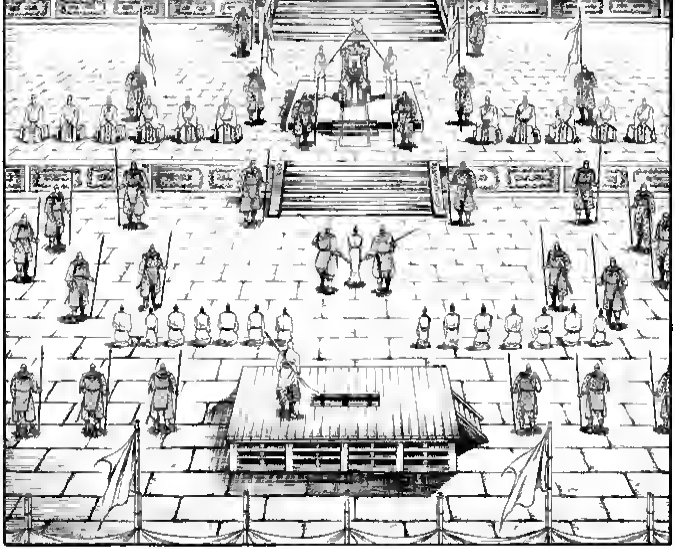
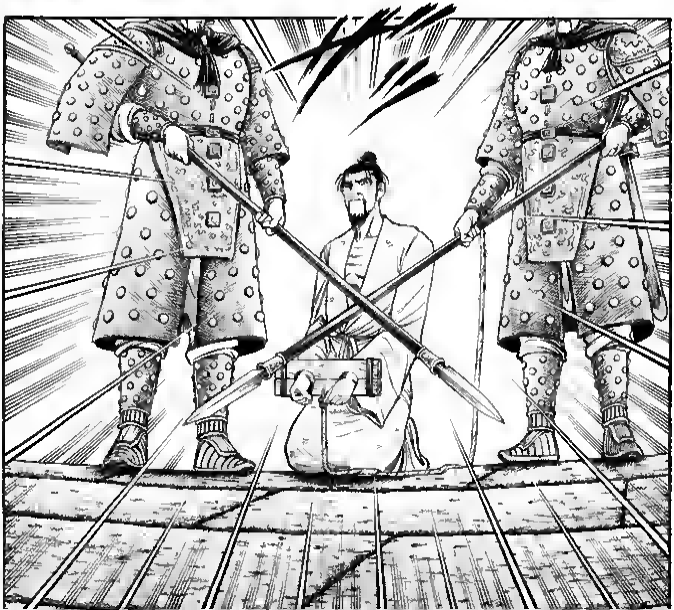
I CAN'T LET MY FATE GET YOU IN TROUBLE
FOR THAT PURPOSE
THIS PLAN WILL ELIMINATE ALL DREGS FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT.
YES
I ASK YOU TO PLEASE COMPLETE THIS GREAT MISSION.
MY FAMILY AND I WILL BEAR ALL RESPONSIBILITIES.
FINALLY MANAGED TO CAPTURE A FEW OF CHUNG TA'S MEN, AND NOW YOU
BUT WE
LORD MAO JIE
SACRI-FICING YOUR-SELF FOR THE NATION
MY FAMILY AND I ARE PROUD TO SACRIFICE FOR THE GREAT GOOD.
PLEASE DON'T BE TOO EMOTION-AL

LORD MAO JIE...
WILL HAPPILY JOIN ME ON MY PATH TO THE OTHER SIDE...
MY WIFE AND SON

I WILL DEFINITELY NOT FAIL YOU.
REST ASSURE.

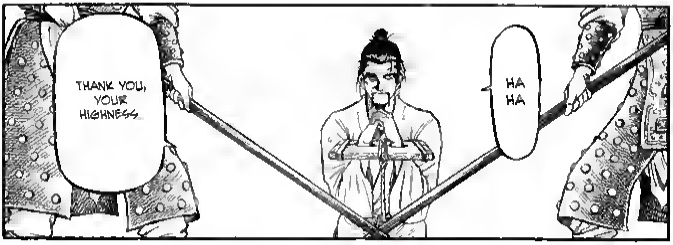






DO YOU HAVE ANY LAST WORDS?
MAO JIE

I HEARD FROM THE TAIFU THAT YOU WANTED ME TO PERSONALLY OVERSEE YOUR EXECUTION.
SO SPEAK.


THANK YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS.
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I'M BEING EXECUTED SO IT'S POINTLESS TO BEG FOR MERCY.
BUT I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE HAN DYNASTY.

FINE.
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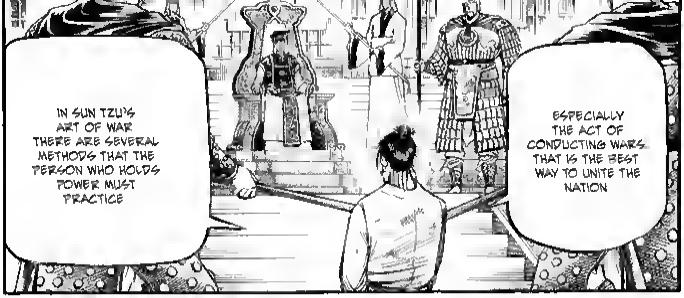
IN TROUBLED TIMES
REASON BY ITSELF IS NOT ENOUGH TO TO GOVERN. YOU MUST ALSO USE "WARFARE" STRATEGIES
THOSE ARE THE RULES OF POLITICS AND THE METHOD OF CONDUCTING WARS.


IN SUN TZU'S ART OF WAR THERE ARE SEVERAL METHODS THAT THE PERSON WHO HOLDS POWER MUST PRACTICE
ESPECIALLY THE ACT OF CONDUCTING WARS. THAT IS THE BEST WAY TO UNITE THE NATION

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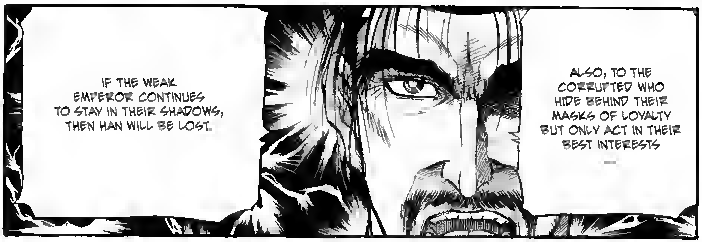
APPLIES TO THE CURRENT HAN
THAT

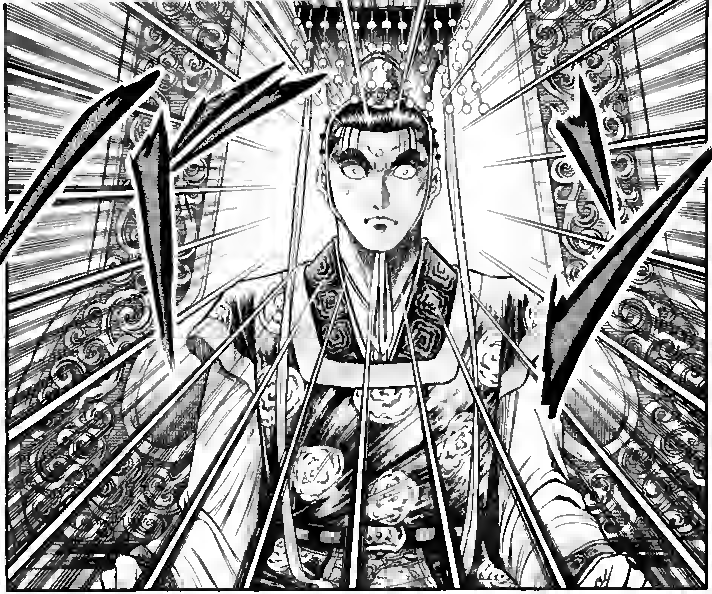
IN THIS ERA OF TURMOIL, YOU CAN'T GOVERN WITH JUST THE RIGHT WAY. SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO WAGE WAR TO PREVENT MORE WARS.
THOUGH BENEVO-LENCE AND RIGHTEOUS-NESS ARE THE RIGHT WAY TO RULE

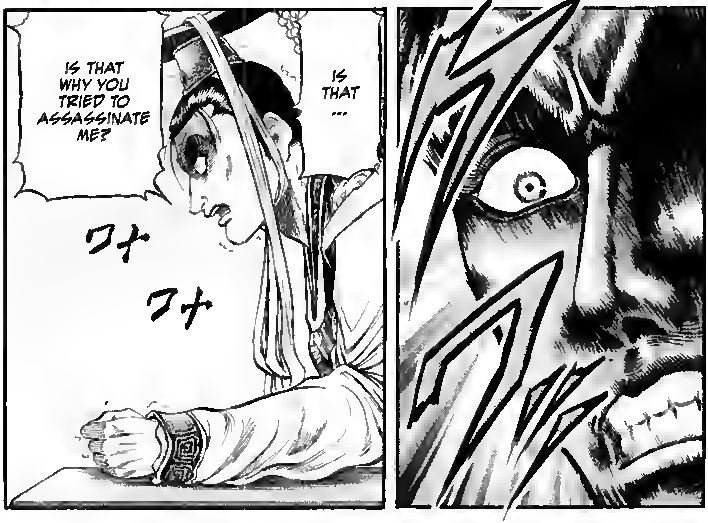
ONE IS, IF YOU WAGE WAR TO PREVENT WAR
THEN WAR IS GOOD.

STAY WEAK AND IGNORANT AND YOU WILL NEVER ACQUIRE THE STRENGTH NEED TO RESTORE HAN.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU MUST ERADICATE THOSE WHO OPPOSE HAN AND UPHOLD THE LAWS. THAT IS THE WAY OF BEING KING.


IF THE WEAK EMPEROR CONTINUES TO STAY IN THEIR SHADOWS, THEN HAN WILL BE LOST.
ALSO, TO THE CORRUPTED WHO HIDE BEHIND THEIR MASKS OF LOYALTY BUT ONLY ACT IN THEIR BEST INTERESTS

AS LONG AS YOU REMAIN WEAK AND COWARDICE, THIS ERA OF TURMOIL WILL NEVER END!
HOW CAN YOU CALL YOURSELF THE EMPEROR IF YOU'RE STILL AFRAID OF CAO CAO?!




IS THAT WHY YOU TRIED TO ASSASSINATE ME?
IS THAT ...
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LORD MAO JIE...
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HOW DARE YOU CALL ME WEAK AND COWARDICE...
...THAT I'M AFRAID OF CAO CAO AND CAN'T MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS?!
YOUR DISLOYALTY IS CLEAR TO ALL!
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH. EXECUTE HIM IMMEDIATELY!

GET UP!
UGH!
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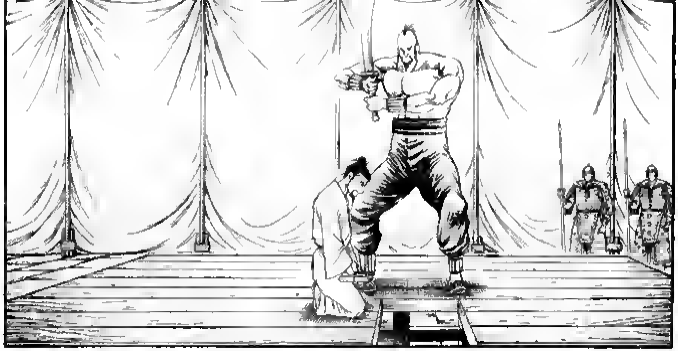
FATHER
LET OUR FAMILY BE THE FIRST STONE IN BUILDING A BRIGHTER HAN DYNASTY.
THEN
I DID IT FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION.
PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
WE'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN YOU.
MY LORD



THE EMPEROR WILL SET HIS MIND ON DEFEATING CAO CAO
I HOPE AFTER THIS

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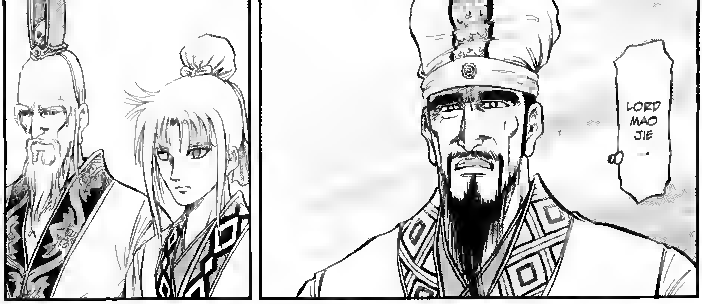

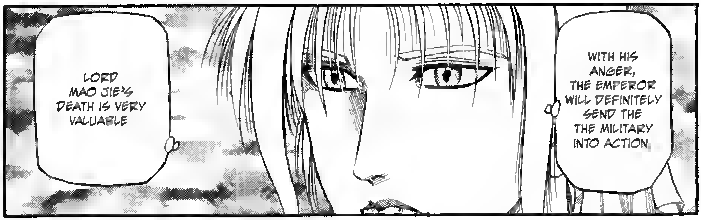

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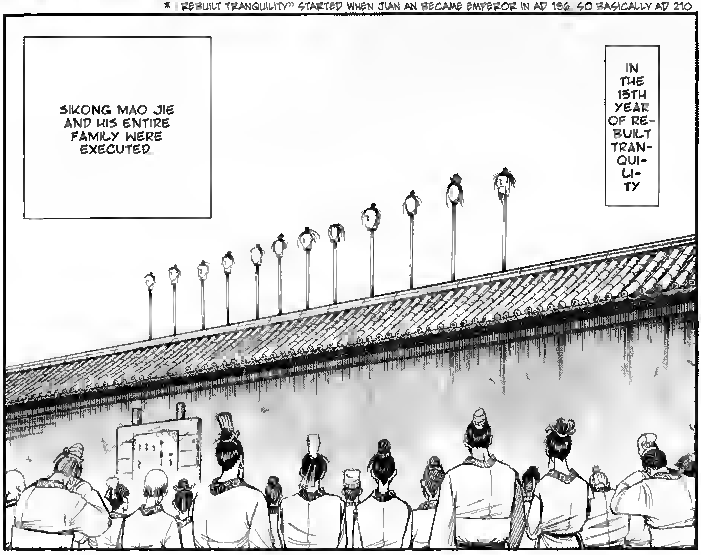

HEED MY COMMANDS.
CHUNG TA
AND MOUNT AN EXPEDI-TION AGAINST CAO CAO!
PREPARE THE ARMY
YES YOUR HIGH-NESS.

WIN AT ALL COST.
YOU MUST BRING CAO CAO'S HEAD BACK TO ME.
YES, YOUR HIGH-NESS.
THE AR-ROW
HAS BEEN SHOT...
I'M NOT AFRAID OF CAO CAO!
I WILL SHOW EVERYONE THAT MAO JIE WAS A LYING TRAITOR.

I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO IS DESTINED BY THE HEAVENS TO RULE.
I AM THE EMPEROR OF HAN.

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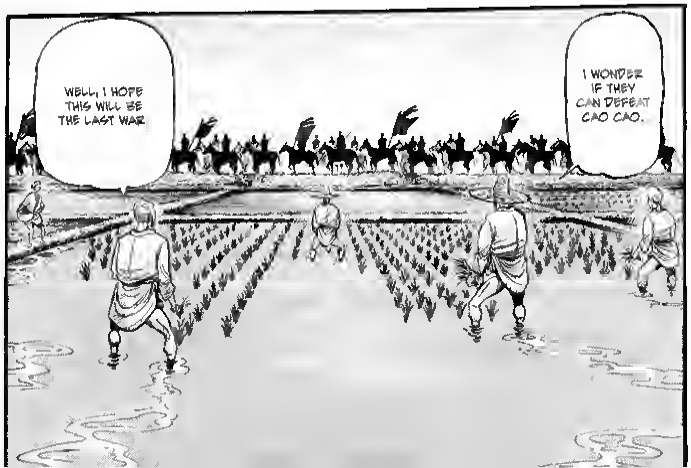
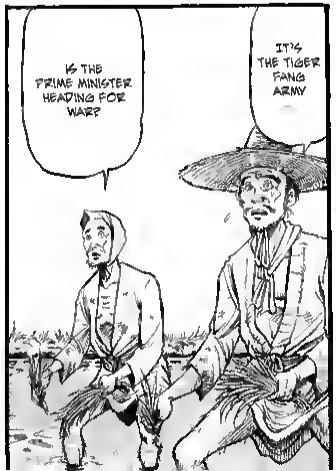

WELL, I HOPE THIS WILL BE THE LAST WAR.
I WONDER IF THEY CAN DEFEAT CAO CAO.


IS THE PRIME MINISTER HEADING FOR WAR?
IT'S THE TIGER FANG ARMY

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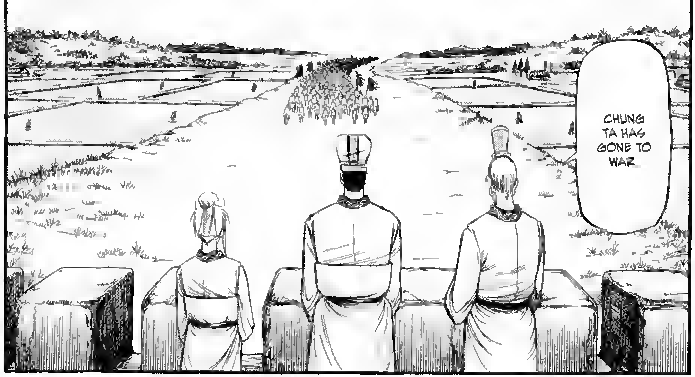
CHUNG TA HAS GONE TO WAR

YES
OUR PLAN IS MOVING ALONG VERY NICELY

WILL THE DEATHS OF LORD MAO JIE AND HIS FAMILY
BE IN VAIN?

THE ONLY CONCERN
IS WHETHER OR NOT CAO CAO CAN DEFEAT CHUNG TA

THIS

CAO CAO IS ALSO A MASTER OF THE ART OF WAR THEY'RE FAIRLY EVEN
THE CORE OF CHUNG TA'S ARMY IS THE TIGER FANG BRIGADE.
YOU ARE RIGHT.
LET THEM TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER. THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO ELIMINATE BOTH.
BUT BOTH CAO CAO AND CHUNG TA ARE DANGERS TO THE EMPEROR

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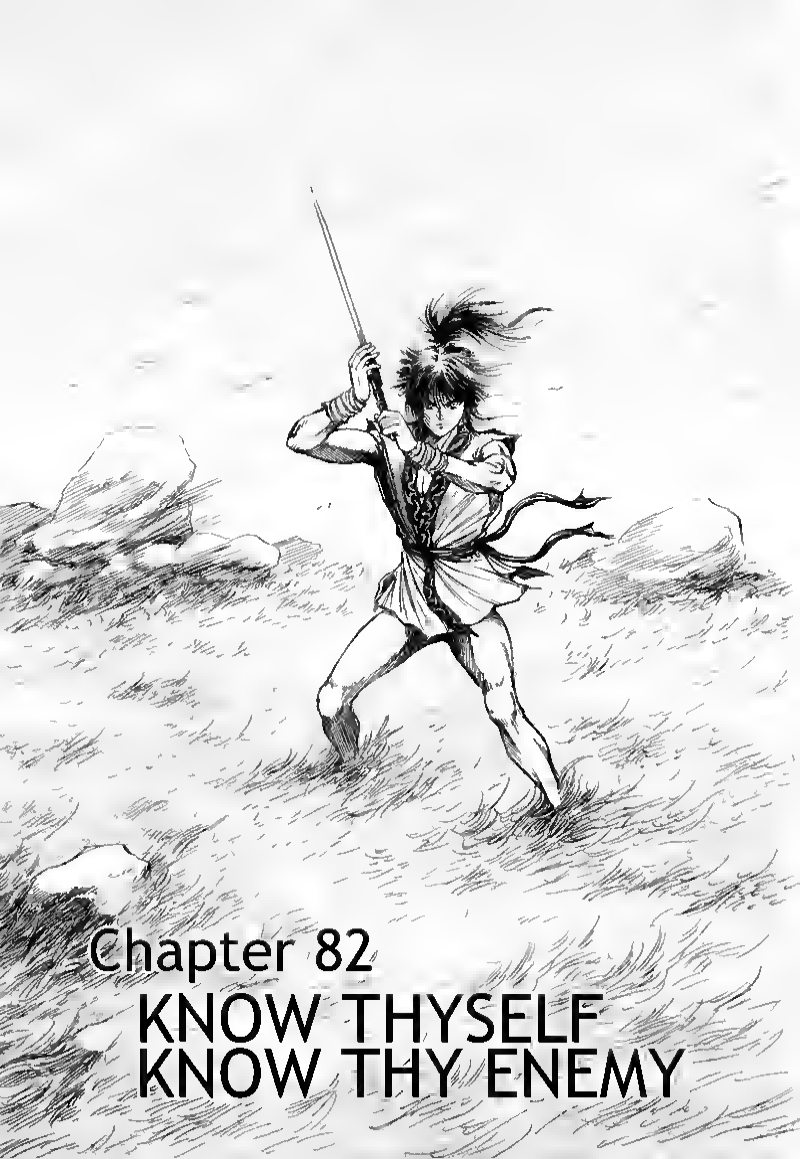

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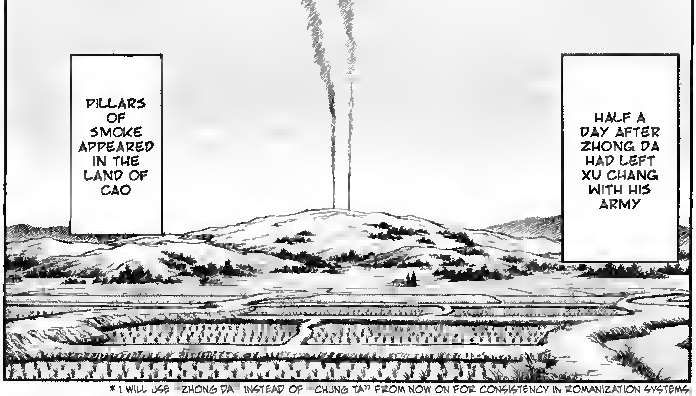
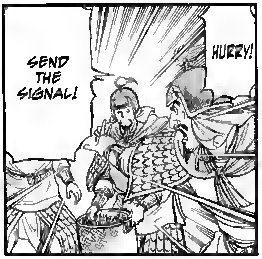
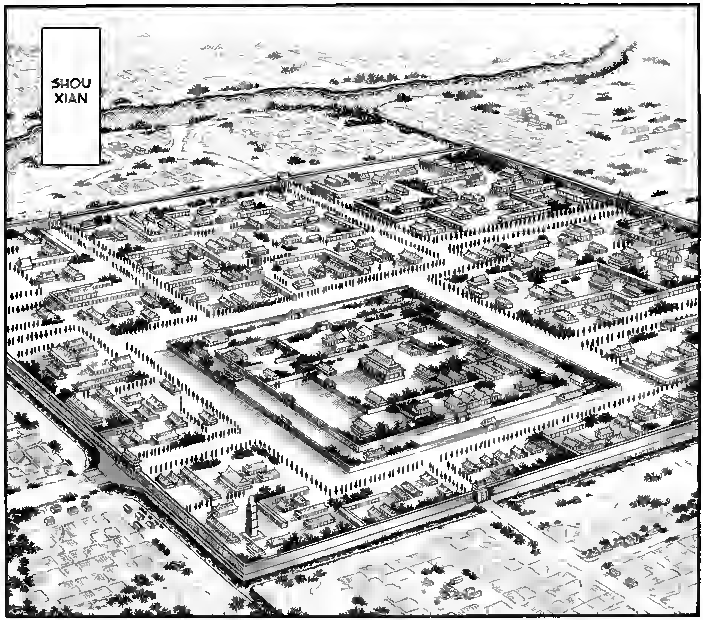
KNOW THYSELF KNOW THY ENEMY



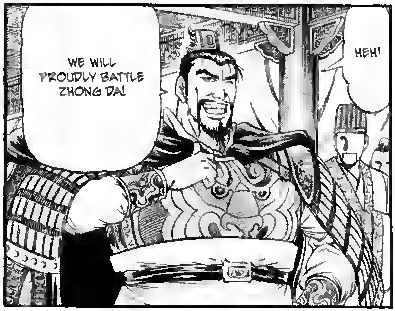
*1 I WILL USE "ZHONG DA" INSTEAD OF "CHUNG TA" FROM NOW ON FOR CONSISTENCY IN ROMANIZATION SYSTEMS.



CREATING A WALL OF SMOKE TOWARDS THE SOUTH
THE SMOKE SIGNALS SPREAD QUICKLY


SHOU XIAN

THE EMPEROR HAS DECIDED TO GO TO WAR
SO...


WE WILL PROUDLY BATTLE ZHONG DA!
HEH!

I'M NOW OFFICIALLY A TRAITOR.
IT SEEMS

THE WORLD WILL BE YOURS AGAIN SOON, MY LORD
THEN ATTACK XU CHANG

IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST THREE DAYS TO REACH THE FIRST FRONTIER.
THEY'RE STILL WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF XU CHANG.
HEY
WHERE IS THEIR ARMY RIGHT NOW?
WITHIN A DAY, WE ALREADY HAVE A GRASP ON THEIR MOVEMENTS.
SHOU XIAN IS OVER 500 MILES FROM XU CHANG.
THEY PROBABLY HAD ALL OUR LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS BLOCKED.
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WHEN ZHONG DA TOOK OVER XU CHANG
WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF FIGHTING WU AT YANGTZE AND DIDN'T PAY ATTENTION.
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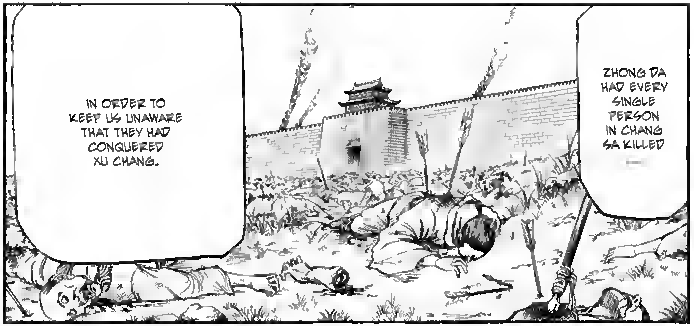
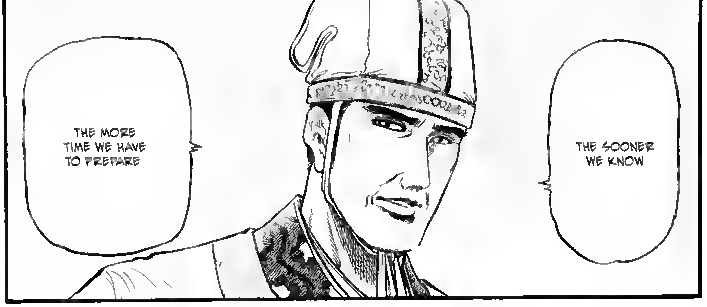
USING THE SMOKE SIGNALS WAS A BRILLIANT IDEA.
IT'S STILL ANOTHER FEW DAYS FOR THEM.


IN ORDER TO KEEP US UNAWARE THAT THEY HAD CONQUERED XU CHANG.
ZHONG DA HAD EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN CHANG SA KILLED

AND ZHONG DA EASILY CONQUERED XU CHANG
THE LAND IS WIDE SO WE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING

THANKS TO THEM
WE CAN NOW KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON EVEN FROM HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY

WITH THE SMOKE SIGNALS, WE WON'T GET CAUGHT OFF-GUARD AGAIN
INFORMATION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS DECIDING THE OUTCOME OF A WAR


THE MORE TIME WE HAVE TO PREPARE
THE SOONER WE KNOW

YEAH, YEAH, YEAH... I GOT IT!
BASICALLY, YOU CAN'T WIN WITH JUST STRENGTH

OUR ENEMY THIS TIME WILL BE THE TIGER FANG BRIGADE
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN ZHONG DA WILL BE THE FIELD MARSHALL

INDICATE THAT THE IMPERIAL COURT HAS SENT THEIR MAIN ARMY
THE TWO PILLARS

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THEIR BEST SQUAD LEAD BY THE FIVE TIGER GENERALS?
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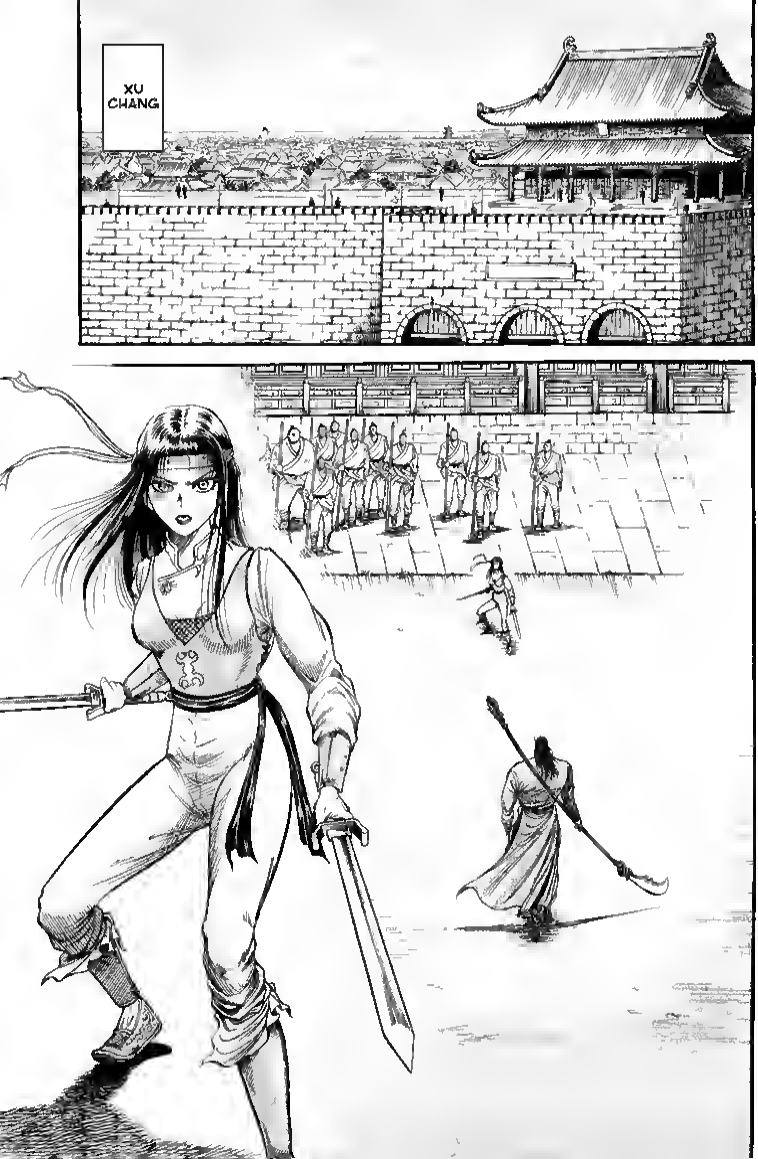
VERY GOOD!
THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO BECOME FAMOUS THROUGHOUT THE LAND.
YUE JIN!
ZHANG HE!
YU JIN!

WE DIDN'T WIN THE BATTLE OF CHI BI
BUT WE'LL GET ZHONG DA'S HEAD THIS TIME!
VICTORY!

STRANGE...
WHY DIDN'T THE EMPEROR SEND HIM FIRST TO MEASURE OUR FORCES?
REPORTS CAME IN THAT XUAN DE IS IN XU CHANG
WHAT IS HE PLANNING?
ZHONG DA IS LEADING THE ARMY HIMSELF INSTEAD ...


XU
CHANG

HYAA
ATTACK.

SO FAST!
OH!
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HMPH

UGH..

WHAT POWER!
OH!

MISS LIAN HUA IS AMAZING!
AWE-SOME!
BUT GENERAL GUAN YU EASILY DEALT WITH HER ATTACKS

YOUR SWORDSMANSHIP IS VERY POWERFUL, EVEN A MASTER WILL FIND IT HARD TO DEFEND AGAINST.
GOOD YOU'VE IMPROVED
I'VE LOST ALL MY CONFIDENCE
BUT YOU BLOCKED IT OFF SO EASILY
THE EMPEROR HAS TASKED ELDER BROTHER WITH PROTECTING XU CHANG
THE PRIME MINISTER IS GONE
IF WE'RE NOT GOING INTO REAL BATTLES
ALSO, IT'S POINTLESS TO TRAIN THIS HARD
BUT EVERYONE HERE IS SO STUCK-UP!
YEAH!

HA HA HA
WHAT A BRAVE LADY.
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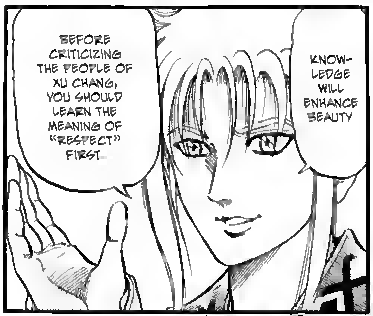
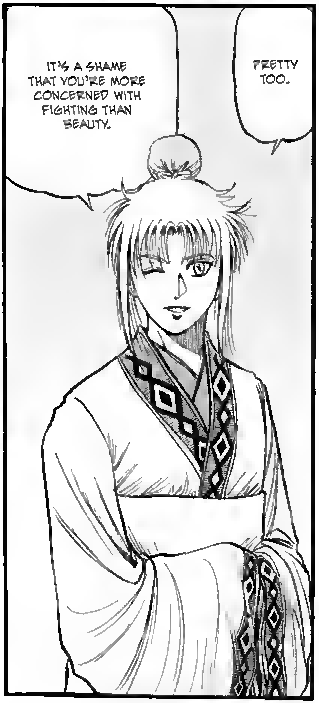

BEFORE CRITICIZING THE PEOPLE OF XU CHANG, YOU SHOULD LEARN THE MEANING OF "RESPECT" FIRST.
KNOW-LEDGE WILL ENHANCE BEAUTY

INTER-ESTING
WHAAAAT?


IT'S A SHAME THAT YOU'RE MORE CONCERNED WITH FIGHTING THAN BEAUTY.
PRETTY TOO.

SEE YOU AROUND
STOP RIGHT THERE!
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PLEASE... LORD LIU BEI IS WAITING FOR US
YES
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HOLD ON A MINUTE
WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?
QI ZHOU IS DEEPLY CONNECTED TO MAO JIE
IS MINISTER QI ZHOU
THE PERSON WITH THAT YOUNG MAN
REALLY?
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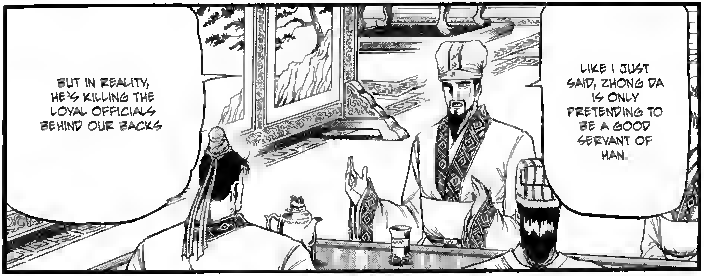
WHAT?
YOU WANT ME TO SEND MY ARMY TO ATTACK THE PRIME MINISTER?
YOU...

YES.


LIKE I JUST SAID, ZHONG DA IS ONLY PRETENDING TO BE A GOOD SERVANT OF HAN.
BUT IN REALITY, HE'S KILLING THE LOYAL OFFICIALS BEHIND OUR BACKS

IF WE JUST IGNORE THESE CRIMES
THEN THE LAWS OF OUR NATION ARE MEANINGLESS. THIS COULD LEAD TO THE END OF THE EMPIRE
TO THE HAN DYNASTY
ZHONG DA MAY BE MORE OF A THREAT THAN CAO CAO.
THIS...

ISN'T IT TOO RASH TO BE ACCUSING HIM OF ANYTHING?
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PROOF OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S WRONG-DOINGS, AND ARE ONLY GUESSING

GUESSING!
I AM NOT

LORD MAO JIE HAD TO PAY WITH HIS LIFE...
BUT TO REVEAL THE CRIMES OF ZHONG DA

I DIDN'T MEAN TO SHOUT
I AM SORRY

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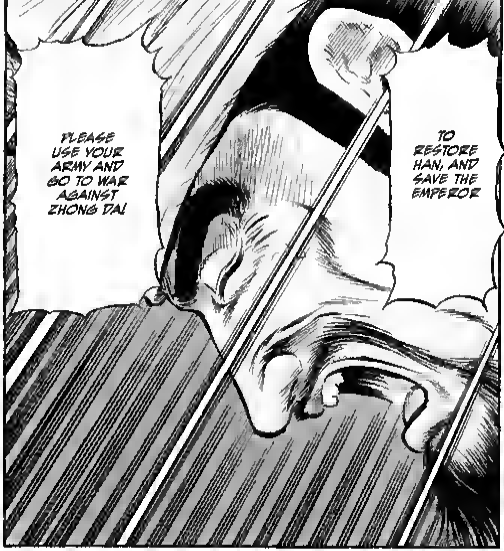
THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT HAPPENED RIGHT AFTER. AND I'M CERTAIN THAT LORD MAO JIE WOULD NEVER DO THAT.
LORD MAO JIE HAD INVESTIGATED AND DISCOVERED THE EVIDENCE.
ZHONG DA WANTED TO SILENCE LORD MAO JIE SO HE PROBABLY HAD HIM HYPNOTIZED TO FRAME HIM FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF THE EMPEROR
I ALSO HEARD THAT ZHONG DA'S UNDERLING IS TRAINED IN THE ART OF HYPNOSIS
KILLING THE INNOCENTS, MAKING THE COURT OFFICIALS GO CRAZY AND KILL THEMSELVES... IT HAS TO BE HIM.
LOOKING BACK AT HIS TACTICS AT YANGTZE
!!
THE RED TIGER GENERAL USED THIS TECHNIQUE AGAINST SHIRO!
HYP-NOSIS


PLEASE USE YOUR ARMY AND GO TO WAR AGAINST ZHONG DAI
TO RESTORE HAN, AND SAVE THE EMPEROR

I'M BEGGING YOU!
LORD LIU BEI!

STRATEGIST KONG MING?

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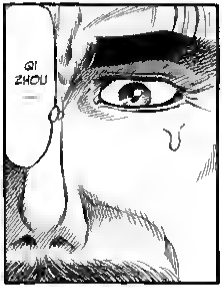
I UNDERSTAND
MINISTER QI


QI ZHOU

PLEASE GIVE US A FEW DAYS TO CONSIDER IT.
BUT ZHONG DA IS STILL THE PRIME MINISTER.
YES.
YOU ARE RIGHT.
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD'VE ACCEPTED MY SUDDEN REQUEST.
I SEE.
SO YOU'RE THE SLEEPING DRAGON, ZHUGE LIANG KONG MING
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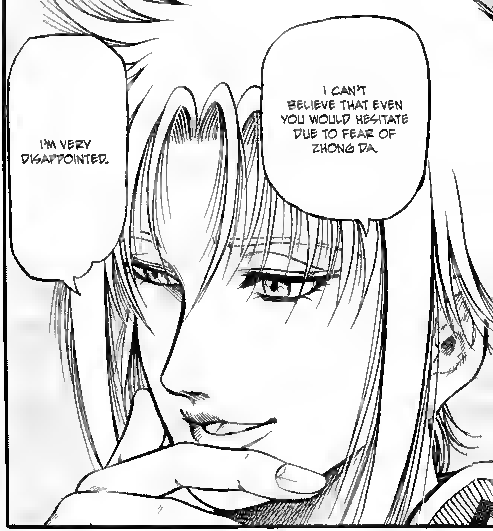
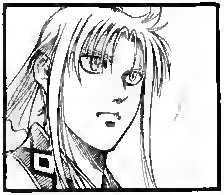
DON'T BE DISRESPECTFUL!
SHAO YE!

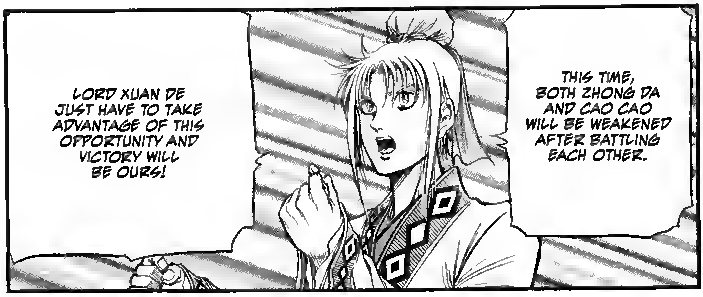

I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT EVEN YOU WOULD HESITATE DUE TO FEAR OF ZHONG DA.

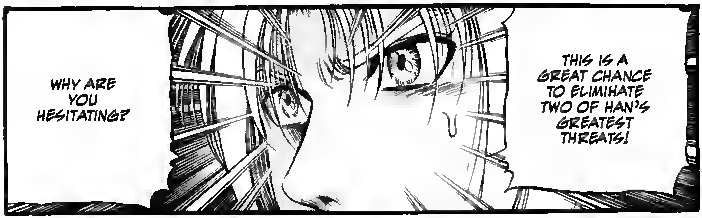


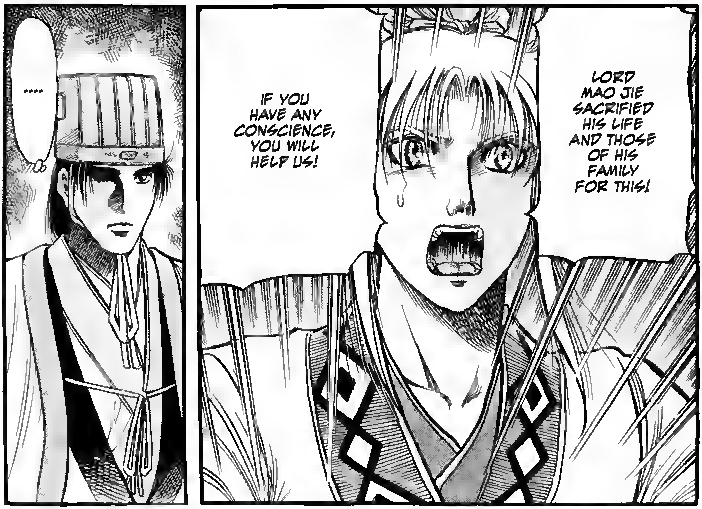
UH...

TO INTERRUPT LORD LIU BEI KONG MING IS EVEN MORE DISRESPECTFUL THAN I AM.
DIS-RESPECT-FUL?

SIR KONG MING
WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?


LORD XUAN DE JUST HAVE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY AND VICTORY WILL BE OURS!
THIS TIME, BOTH ZHONG DA AND CAO CAO WILL BE WEAKENED AFTER BATTLING EACH OTHER.


WHY ARE YOU HESITATING?
THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE TO ELIMINATE TWO OF HAN'S GREATEST THREATS!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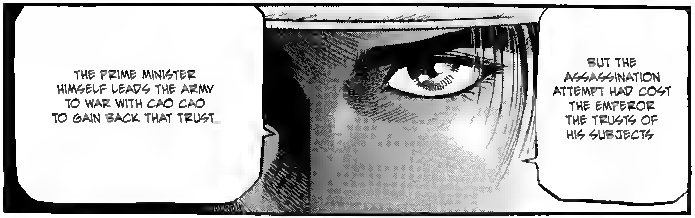
IF YOU HAVE ANY CONSCIENCE, YOU WILL HELP US!
LORD MAO JIE SACRIFIED HIS LIFE AND THOSE OF HIS FAMILY FOR THIS!

WE ALSO WORRY ABOUT HAN'S FUTURE
OF COURSE

KONG MING


THE PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF LEADS THE ARMY TO WAR WITH CAO CAO TO GAIN BACK THAT TRUST
BUT THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT HAD COST THE EMPEROR THE TRUSTS OF HIS SUBJECTS

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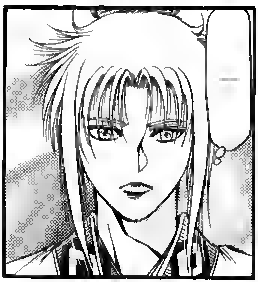

I THINK IT'S CLEAR FOR ALL TO SEE.
WHO'S WRONG AND WHO'S RIGHT MAO JIE OR ZHONG DA

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
RIGHT NOW
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I UNDERSTAND YOUR REASONING SIR KONG MING
BUT PLEASE BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT I WILL GIVE UP MY LIFE FOR HAN
I KNOW
THANK YOU FOR MEETING US
YES
LET'S TAKE OUR LEAVE
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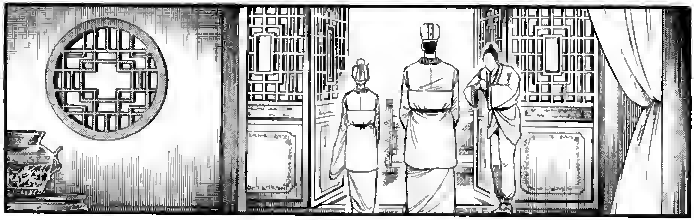
WHAT'S BEEN SAID HERE TODAY
MUST ABSOLUTELY REMAIN SECRET

SIR KONG MING
YOUR EYES ALONE ARE NOT ENOUGH TO SEE THE TRUTH.



STRATEGIST

WHY DID YOU REFUSE QI ZHOU JUST NOW?
YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT ZHONG DA IS THE MAN WITH THE FATE OF POFENG.

TO ATTACK ZHONG DA, I'VE ALSO SHARED THE SAME THOUGHTS AS MINISTER QI.
IT'S TRUE ZHONG DA COULD BE THE DEATH OF THE HAN DYNASTY.

EVERYTHING SEEMS PLANNED, IT'S TOO GOOD OF AN OPPORTUNITY THAT I HAVE MY DOUBTS.
ZHONG DA AND CAO CAO ARE AT WAR. WE'RE HERE PROTECTING XU CHANG.

THEN, WHY?

NOW IS NOT THE RIGHT TIME
BE-CAUSE

IT COULD VERY WELL BE.
YES
YOU THINK THIS IS ONE OF ZHONG DA'S TRAPS?!
!!
THEN THERE'S STILL ONE PIECE OF THE PUZZLE LEFT THAT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE OUT.
IF WHAT I'M SAYING IS TRUE
WE'LL BE CRUSHED BY ZHONG DA.
BEFORE I DO, IF WE ACT IRRATIONALLY

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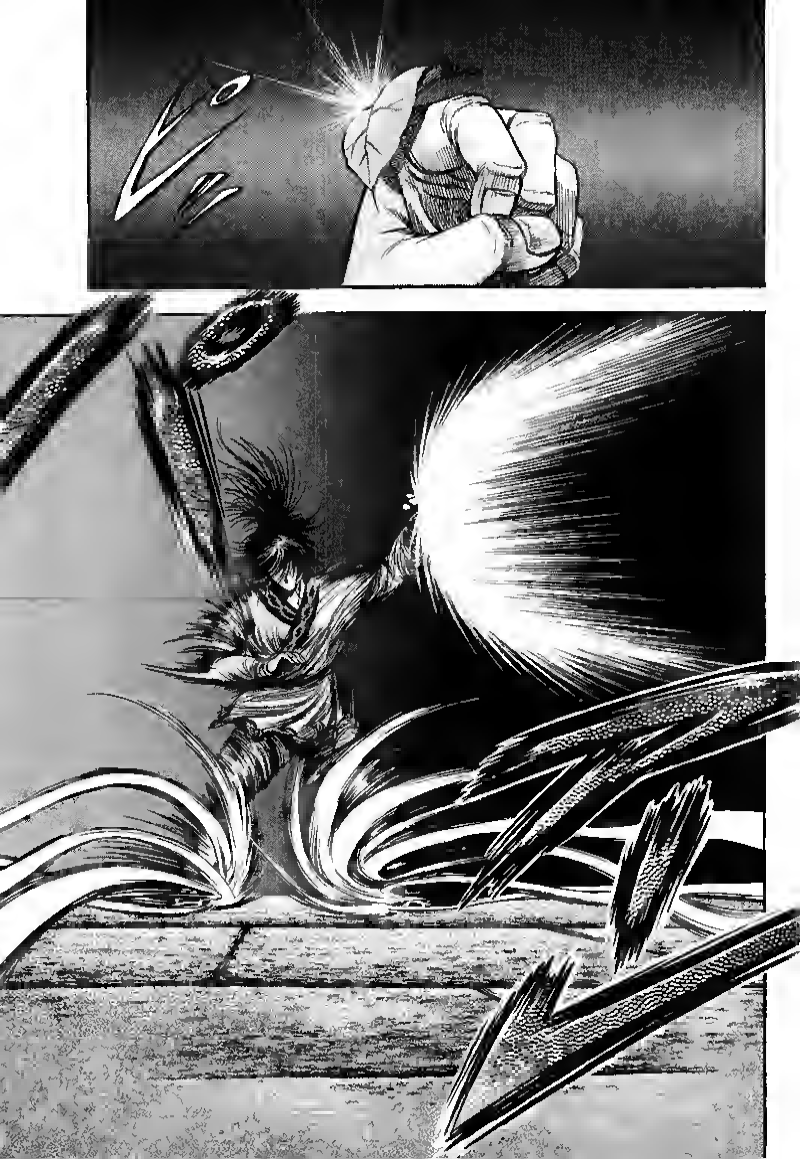
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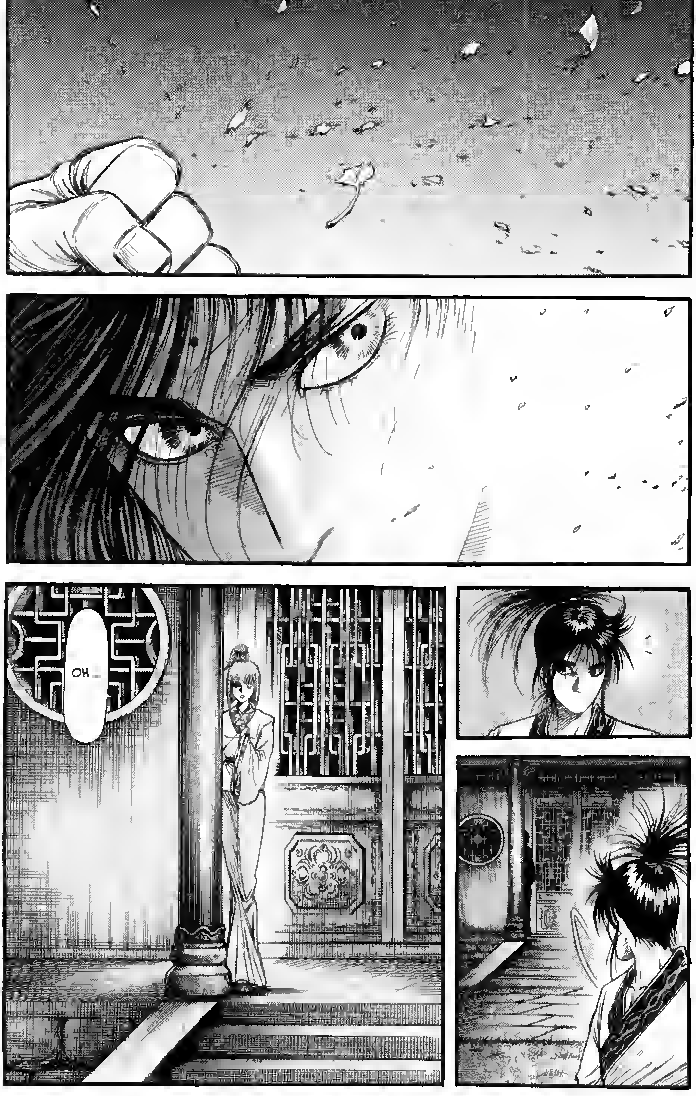

OH...

I WAS ABOUT TO TAKE A BREAK ANYWAY.
IT'S OK.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT YOUR TRAINING.
SORRY
THE LEAVES TURNED TO DUST JUST TOUCHING YOUR BODY.
WHAT KIND OF MARTIAL ARTS WERE YOU PRACTING?
BUT I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT IT YET.
THIS TECHNIQUE ALLOWS ME TO RELEASE ALL MY INNER KI AND BODY STRENGTH WITH JUST A LIGHT TOUCH.
THAT'S FA JING.

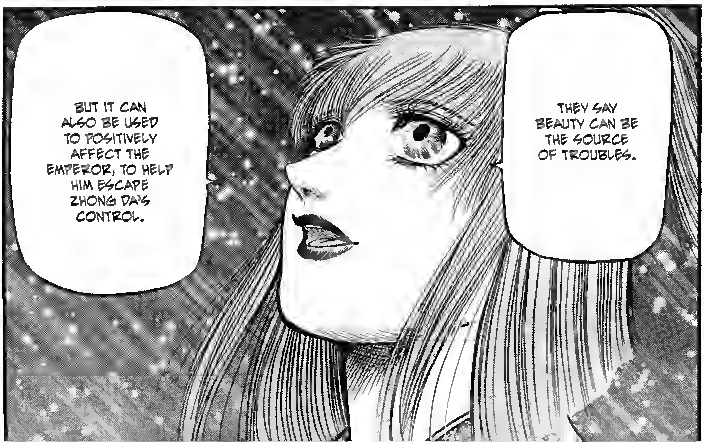
* HAKKE / FA JING: THE TECHNIQUE OF ENERGY RELEASING

YOUR SKILLS ARE WELL BEYOND WHAT I HAD IMAGINED
THAT WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH?
IT'S A SHAME
THAT LORD XUAN DE HASN'T AGREED TO MINISTER QI'S PLAN YET
BUT FATHER HAS NOT GIVEN UP HOPE
HE WILL KEEP ON TRYING TO CONVINCE LORD XUAN DE UNTIL HE SAYS YES.
YES.

THAT'S GOOD
IN TWO DAYS
I WILL HAVE TO ENTER THE ROYAL PALACE.
I SEE.
SO I WAS ACCEPTED
BUT THE EMPEROR STILL REMEMBERED MY DANCE
AFTER THE INCIDENT
I THOUGHT THAT WAS A LOST CAUSE

GREAT HAN IS IN DISCORD.
THE PRIME MINISTER PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DECIDING THE FUTURE OF HAN.
IF THE EMPEROR PLACES TOO MUCH TRUST IN HIM
THE FATE OF THE NATION AND ITS PEOPLE WILL SINK EVEN DEEPER.
SIX DRAGON'S SON
I WISH I WERE THE MOON.
THAT'S RIGHT

I WANT TO BE THE LANTERN THAT GUIDES THE EMPEROR THROUGH THE BLACK NIGHT.
TO SHINE BRIGHTLY IN THE DARKNESS.

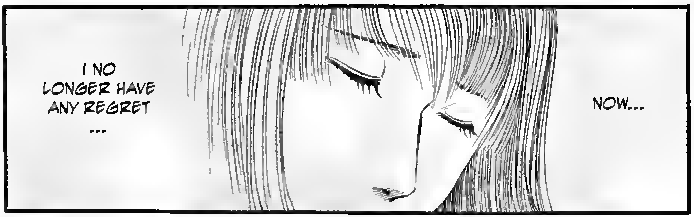

BUT IT CAN ALSO BE USED TO POSITIVELY AFFECT THE EMPEROR, TO HELP HIM ESCAPE ZHONG DA'S CONTROL.
THEY SAY BEAUTY CAN BE THE SOURCE OF TROUBLES.

YOU MIGHT BE PUTTING YOURSELF IN DANGER.
BUT, TO DO THAT
THE LATE QUEEN AND HER FATHER, DONG ZHUO, TRIED TO KILL CAO CAO.
BUT HE FOUND OUT AND THEIR ENTIRE FAMILY WAS EXECUTED.
ZHONG DA IS EVEN WORSE.
IF HE FINDS OUT WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO...
I'M... PREPARED FOR THE CONSE-QUENCES.

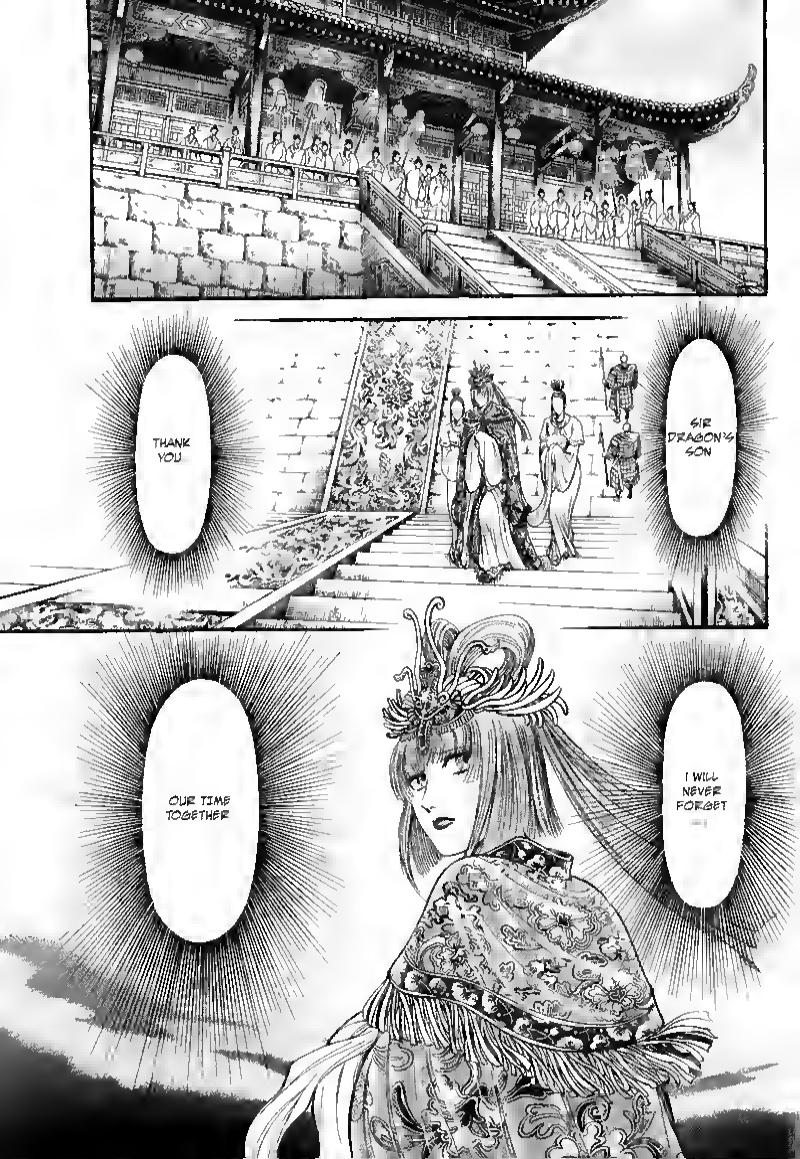
LIKE HOW LORD MAO JIE'S VIRTUE AND LOYALTY WILL ALWAYS BE IN MINE.
EVEN IF I HAVE TO DIE, I HOPE MY ACTIONS WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED IN SOMEONE'S HEART.
!!
ANYTHING HAPPENS DOWN THE ROAD
EVEN IF
I BELIEVE GOOD WILL ALWAYS PREVAIL
THAT IS THE WAY TO LIVE.

YOUR SPIRIT
WILL LIVE ON FOREVER IN MY HEART.

I'M TRULY HAPPY.


I NO LONGER HAVE ANY REGRET ...
NOW...

I'M SATISFIED HOLDING ON TO THIS MEMORY IN MY HEART.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS ...


THANK YOU
SIR DRAGON'S SON
OUR TIME TOGETHER
I WILL NEVER FORGET

I WILL DEFINITELY PUT A STOP TO ZHONG DA AND HIS PUFENG DESTINY.
MISS FENG, I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU.
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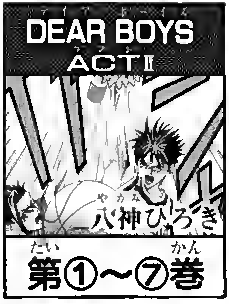

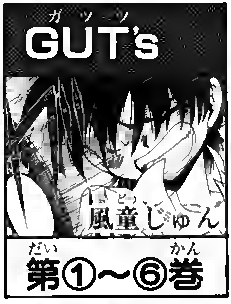

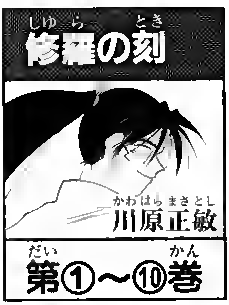

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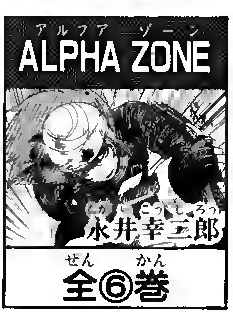

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